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LOWELL MASS. TUESDAY DECEMBER 21 1915

PRICE ONE CENT

F. M. QUA ELECTED REGISTRAR OF VOTERS

Supt. McIlroy Re-elected Library
Trustee—School Dept. Asks for
\$5000 to Piece Out

Commissioner Duncan sprang some what of a surprise at the meeting of the city council today by moving that the council proceed to ballot for a registrar of voters to succeed Dr. James H. Rooney. It was thought that Fred H. Harrison had the pole in the race for registrar but when the votes were counted it was discovered that Francis M. Qua was the winner. Some of the wiseacres question the legality of this election, claiming the right for electing a registrar this year had expired.

Another election had to be put off with public library trustee and Hugh J. Molony, superintendent of schools, was re-elected.

The council voted to borrow \$100,000 of the \$700,000 originally contracted for in connection with the new high school, and a communication from the

school board asking for \$5000 to piece out the school department out for the year, was referred to the commissioners of finance. Twelve traverse and one grand juror were drawn.

Personal Injury Claim

The claim of Mary E. Cooney, for bodily injuries including a compound fracture of left arm, alleged to have been occasioned by falling upon a defective way on Queen street on the morning of December 18, was referred to the city solicitor.

An order authorizing the Bay State Street Railway company to relocate and extend the location of its tracks in Lawrence street near Ames street, was read and adopted.

The usual order declaring the result of the city election was adopted.

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RESCUED BY FIREMEN PORTLAND MURDERER

BROCKTON WOMAN CARRIED DOWN
LADDER—HUSBAND AND 10 OTHERS
SAVED

BROCKTON, Dec. 21.—Mrs. M. Carlton Austin was taken down a ladder three stories to the ground by Captain W. M. Sturtevant of the local fire department; her husband followed on a ladder and ten others rushed into the street in their night clothes when fire gutted a three apartment house at 103 Howard street early this morning. These drivers out included Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hoffman and son Roy, the latter falling down stairs and spraining his ankle; Mr. and Mrs. Edwin P. Rydler and four small children and Charles Nicholson. Flames shut off the escape of the Austin's, the fire starting in the kitchen adjoining their bedroom and the others on the two lower floors were obliged to rush through dense smoke. Loss to the building and contents will reach \$5000.

RECOVERS CONSCIOUSNESS

SICK MAN AT CHELMSFORD STREET HOSPITAL
NOW SAYS HIS NAME IS McCORMAN—
CONDITION MUCH BETTER

The man removed from the police station to the Chelmsford street hospital yesterday morning after giving his name as James Kervin, recovered consciousness today and said that his correct name is James McCorman. He told the hospital attendants that he has lived in Lowell for about three years, coming here from New York and Boston. His condition is much better today.

NEW PLOT UNEARTHED

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—What is believed to be an entirely new plot against American neutrality has been unearthed by agents of the Department of Justice investigating the alleged conspiracy to blow up the Welland canal. Chief Bielski, of the bureau of investigation, said today that evidence had been secured from Paul Koenig and others said to be concerned with him in the alleged canal plot, which opened up another trail. Mr. Bielski declined to indicate the nature of the alleged new conspiracy but said arrests might be expected soon.

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good to see the chil-
dren when they get the
first glimpse of Santa
Claus. Bring yours
down to see him.

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KAISER PLANS ATTACKS ON CALAIS AND EGYPT

Germany Preparing Gigantic Strokes in Hope of Ending War—The British Losses in Withdrawal From Gallipoli Were Three Men Wounded—Great Britain Has 1,250,000 Men in Various War Theatres—Russians Bombard Varna

LONDON, Dec. 21, 11:02 p. m.—The Albanian port of Durazzo is said to be the latest objective of the Teutonic-Bulgarian campaign in the Balkans. Strong forces are believed to be marching across Albania in an effort to forestall Italian occupation of the coast.

In the meantime there is no indication of the development by the central powers of an offensive against the allies in Macedonia. On the contrary it is reported that the Bulgarians are entrenched themselves along the Serbo-Greek border.

Greeks and Bulgars Clash The first concrete evidence of friction between Greeks and Bulgarians comes from Epirus, where Bulgarian bands and Greek forces, according to press despatches have come in conflict.

If an offensive movement toward Saloniki is undertaken, it is hardly likely Greece will interfere, as she must grant the same facilities to the central powers as she acceded the entente allies at the present policy of neutrality prevails. While the Germans, Austrians, Bulgarians and Turks are concentrating troops along the front of Greece's Macedonian border the entente allies are ceaselessly debarking men and munitions at Saloniki. Several months will be necessary, however, before they can hope to undertake an offensive movement on a scale which could possibly succeed.

Kaiser Plans Attack

Paris reports that Germany is preparing two gigantic strokes, one against Calais and the other toward Egypt, in the hope of ending the war by smashing blows at these vital strategic points. German guns are being along the western front, but no further evidence has been received of an offensive there. In an effort to prevent British aerial reconnaissance, according to a British official report, the Germans sent up squadrons of aeroplanes, in 44 conflicts in the air with the loss of two aeroplanes by the Germans and one by the British. Along the French front an incessant bombardment of the city, the despatch states.

PROHATE COURT CASES

Justice Lawton presided over the contested session of the probate court at the local court house this forenoon. There were several cases on the list, but with the exception of one, all were put over to a later date. The case tried was a petition in equity over the settlement of the will of the late Channing Whittaker. Two witnesses were heard and the court reserved his decision.

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In opposing the credit of 10,000,000,000 marks, which the reichstag voted today, the spokesman of the socialist minority, which was against the credit, Friedrich August Karl Geyer, declared that the annexation aims of both sides in the war had caused the failure of all endeavors for peace, according to Berlin despatch.

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AWAIT FACTS OF WITHDRAWAL

The British public is awaiting with intense interest details of the withdrawal of the army from the Suvla Bay and Anzac districts of Gallipoli peninsula. Newspaper comment shows mingled feelings of regret and relief. This feeling of relief reflects the attitude of the British public toward the whole near eastern venture and confidence is increasing here that the fortunes of the allies in this region will begin to improve.

SUMMARY OF TODAY'S NEWS

The total British losses in the withdrawal from the Suvla and the Anzac zones on the Gallipoli peninsula were 30 men wounded, according to a British official statement today.

Great Britain has a fighting force in the various war theatres of 1,250,000 men, Premier Asquith announced in the house of commons today in moving a vote for an additional one million men.

GERMAN SUCCESS ANNOUNCED

Berlin announces a success in the capture of a British sap near Hulluch, southwest of Lille, the Germans holding the garrison against British counter-attacks. Paris reports only nine operations, trench fighting, clashes between patrols and artillery engagements, the last on a diminished scale.

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DISMISSAL OF ATTACHES

Just how near to an agreement

Count von Bernstorff and Secretary

Lansing were before the dismissal of

the attaches may never be known.

They have a mutual agreement not

to discuss the negotiations in any

way. It is believed, however, that the

ambassador was about to make, or had

made some sort of proposal, which

might have met with the full or partial

approval of the United States.

The statement that the negotiations

had been delayed for the time

is strengthened by the fact that Secre-

tary Lansing has not discussed the

Lusitania case with Count von Bern-

storff since the request for the recall

of the attaches became public. Fur-

thermore no communications upon

the subject have passed between the

secretary and the ambassador.

TURKS NEAR GREEK BORDER

Everything indicates that the Greek frontier will be crossed by the Austro-German, Bulgarian and Turkish forces as soon as they are ready, despite the protests of Greece, a correspondent at Saloniki declares. The Turks are reported to have concentrated two divisions close to the border.

TURKEY TO SUPPLY GERMANY

Turkey will be able to supply Germany with quantities of cotton and copper and other needed materials as soon as the transportation problem is solved, which is expected to be soon, declares Dr. Nazim Bey, secretary of the Young Turks committee in an interview in Berlin.

FEATURES OF LAST NIGHT'S WAR NEWS IN BRIEF

British evacuate western Gallipoli positions, but Anglo-French forces still hold end of peninsula, closing the Dardanelles.

DARDANELLES ARMY THOUGHT TO BE DESTINED FOR MACEDONIA

Clashes between Greek and Bulgarian troops at the Albanian border reported.

GREEK TROOPS OCCUPY DOIRAN

Greek troops occupy Doiran, thus interposing between Bulgarian and Franco-British fronts.

AUSTRIANS TAKE BY STORM MONTONEGRIN HEIGHTS NEAR BILENPOLJE AND BERANO

German assault on English line near Hulluch in France repulsed.

FRENCH PLEAD UP GERMAN TRENCHES NEAR ST. MIEL

French heavily bombard British nests-Yards, 44 air fights in one day.

Lloyd George declares allies will overcome mechanical superiority of Germans as soon as possible, and says success depends on British labor unions.

FRENCH CRUISER DESCARTES REMOVES PURSUIT FROM AMERICAN STEAMER BORINQUEN OFF PORTO RICO; NEW PROTEST TO FRANCE PROBABLE

When she was in the machine, she said, Margro produced a bottle which

she said contained chloroform and when she threatened to use it if she made

any trouble, after which the car was

driven to this city, the girl objecting

all the way.

Arriving in this city, the girl claims, they immediately stopped at a downtown hotel, where Margro engaged rooms, claiming that she was his wife. The girl went upstairs, she said, and when her abductor left her for a moment, she told a waiter of her predicament and he summoned the manager.

Margro heard part of the conversation, she said, and told her that he would send six bullets into her body if she

didn't depart with him instantly. The

TWO BOSTON FIREMEN KILLED WHEN FLOOR FELL

Floor of Burning Building Gave Way and Buried Fire Fighters—Jail Inmates Ready to Flee

BOSTON, Dec. 21.—Two firemen were killed and a third was seriously injured when a floor collapsed in a burning factory building on Cambridge st. early today. The victims were Dennis A. Walsh and Charles C. Willett. William McCarthy, the injured man, was taken to a hospital.

The three men were fighting the flames on the third floor of the six-story brick building. The floor above gave way and buried them. It was more than an hour before their comrades could reach them, and Walsh and Willett were found dead.

Another fireman, William J. Connell, was badly hurt by falling from a ladder.

Caused Loss of \$50,000

The fire caused damage estimated at \$50,000 to the building which was occupied by the Glenbrook Wine Co., the National Rubber Co. and the Massachusetts Thread works. It started on the second floor and worked upward through the roof.

ALL INMATES READY TO LEAVE

The inmates of the Charles street jail, just behind the burning structure, were aroused and made ready for removal if necessary and persons living in an adjoining boarding house and tenement houses prepared to leave.

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The fire, however, was confined to the factory building.

BOLD ABDUCTION OF GIRL

ARREST OF YOUNG TUCKER

ROBBERY OF NELSON STORE FIRST DISCOVERED IN HAVERHILL WHERE YOUTH WAS ARRESTED

The Haverhill Gazette of Monday gives the following account of how young Tucker, who robbed the cash registers of the Nelson store in this city last week was arrested in Haverhill by Officer McKenna of that city: "Captured in a Winter street lodging house less than 24 hours after the cash registers of the Nelson 5 and 10 cent store at Middle and Central Streets, Lowell, had been ransacked, Herbert Tucker, 17 years old, of Lowell, was arrested last night by Patrolman Herman O. McKenna after a clever bit of work by the Haverhill officer, and charged with the crime."

Tucker was taken to Lowell last night by officers from the Spindle City and will be held for a thorough investigation before arraignment in the Lowell district court on charges of larceny. McKenna captured the youth and secured the full story of the alleged store robbery before the break had been reported to the Lowell authorities.

Young Tucker, it is charged, went into the store of T. W. Kelley, a Winter street newsdealer, yesterday morning and pilfered several articles, but Kelley refused to sell them on Sunday, telling the youth to return today. Kelley's suspicions were aroused by the display of a large amount of change by the young man.

He asked Tucker to give him his name and address, and Tucker complied, saying he would be back today to buy a guitar which he said he wanted for a Christmas gift. He told Kelley he lived in Morse block on Lusk street.

The newsdealer's store was broken into recently and last night he communicated his suspicions to Patrolman McKenna, who immediately began a search for Tucker. The Lowell boy was not known to any of the 12 families living in the Morse block and although the policeman scoured the neighborhood he was unable to find any trace of his man.

Later in the evening, McKenna finally secured a tip that a strange youth was rooming on Winter street in a well known and respectable lodging house. He investigated and found Tucker in his room.

There was a new dress suit case apparently bulging with his belongings and McKenna asked Tucker to open it. The boy refused saying there was nothing in it but money. McKenna insisted and after grilling Tucker for some time the boy broke down and confessed to the Nelson store robbery in Lowell, the police say.

McKenna says Tucker told him, he was employed in the store and Saturday night at the close of the day's business hid behind a counter until the clerks were out of the store. Then he made the rounds of the cash registers and abstracted their contents, putting the entire amount in a large canvas money bag which he had in the suit case. In this the Haverhill patrolman found \$30 in bills and \$25.78 in dimes, nickels and pennies.

In addition there were three shirts, eight pairs of socks, a dozen neckties, two flashlights, and several toys and knick-knacks which he had apparently picked up in his travels through the store while collecting the money. After filling the suit case, Tucker said he made his escape through a basement door, which was locked and bolted.

McKenna added \$3 more to the total amount when he learned of a restaurant where the boy had purchased a meal ticket. Tucker told the police he walked for some distance toward Haverhill Saturday night and then came to this city on the first car yesterday morning. When he first talked with Kelly, Tucker said he lived in Manchester, N. H., but later admitted to the police that he hailed from Lowell.

The Lowell authorities were not notified and the news of Tucker's arrest was the first intimation they received of the break.

Y.M.C.A. CHRISTMAS

The annual Christmas tree and Old Home day celebration will be held at the well appointed quarters of the Y.M.C.A. in Stackpole street next Saturday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

The tree and the Old Home day idea originated with the late Edward P. Shear who promoted the first celebration at the rooms seven years ago. Since that time it has been held every year resulting in a very large attendance every Christmas afternoon.

Members and friends—many old members and large numbers from out-of-town invariably gather around on this day and talk over old times as one of

the great social events of the year.

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Millinery
Toilet Articles
Perfumes
Toilet Sets
Mulleme Sets
Corsets
Upright Feathers
Postage Stationery
Hobby Hoods
Prayer Books
Bibles
Mexican Work

SECOND FLOOR

Couch Covers
Utility Boxes
Lace Curtains
Portieres
Cedar Chests
Undermattress
Infants' Wear
Aprons
Fancy Belts
Fancy Blankets
Silk Dress Pulps
Fancy Goods
Linens Sets
Embroidered Pillow Cases

their names is being called for a donation from the tree. The tree this year will be one of the big features and George Lynch, the Tewksbury representative of the society, will act in the role of Santa Claus. A musical program of 20 numbers will be carried out and refreshments will be served.

FACING COAL FAMINE
BIG SHORTAGE IN NEW ENGLAND DUE TO THE EUROPEAN WAR—WORSE THAN IN 1907

BOSTON, Dec. 21.—New England is today facing a coal famine which threatens to eclipse the proportions reached in the big coal strike in 1907. This is the unanimous opinion of the leading coal dealers in this city.

The critical condition of the coal market and the shortage at this time is said to be due directly to the war. Owing to the hundreds of men taken from the mines by the foreign governments for the belligerent armies and the large amount of coal being shipped from this country to European countries, the United States is more than 6,000,000 tons short for home consumption.

There is a shortage of about a quarter of a million tons at the port of Boston, declare the dealers. This, they claim, is also caused by the transportation companies booking their ships for European ports where they can collect almost the price of a

new vessel in freight charges.

Under normal conditions the coal men say this condition could easily be cared for by the railroads, but they, too, are unable to help the situation.

The unprecedented prosperous times brought on by the extra business in munitions and army supply factories all over the country have had a serious effect on the railroads.

Cars for the shipment of coal from the mines are not only unavailable but in many instances there are many miles of coal laden cars waiting to be blocked by the tons of steel, copper, lead and other material waiting for shipment to Europe. All this trouble at the present time confined to the lead and other material waiting for shipment to Europe. All this trouble at the present time confined to the

Chesapeake & Ohio railroad, Edgar Bancroft, W. W. Campbell and Vic

If something is not done soon to effect a remedy, conditions will be as bad in the movement of anthracite.

SUCCEEDS BODKER WASHINGTON

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—Major R. Morton of Hampton institute, Hampton, Va., was selected to succeed Booker T. Washington as president of Tuskegee

Institute, Tuskegee, Ala., at a meeting of the special committee of the trustees of the institute here yesterday.

The choice was unanimous. The committee making the selection was composed of Seth Low, chairman of the Tuskegee trustees, Frank Trammell of Tuskegee trustees, Frank Trammell of the Chesapeake & Ohio railroad, Edgar Bancroft, W. W. Campbell and Vic

tor H. Tulane.

Several weeks ago Germaine hired the room in which he was found dead at the house of Sam Cote. He was last seen Sunday night when he appeared to be in good health. Last evening

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Mr. Faulkner, in speaking about the Boy Scouts, gave the following interview:

"In the truest sense the Boy Scouts

is not an organization, but rather a nation-wide movement to furnish for the boy an opportunity to develop his highest instincts and ideals through a supervised program of work and play.

The movement has been officially in existence in this country about five years.

There is a national council of men who

have a general oversight of the whole

program of work. In this country, who

determine upon the fitness of local men

for positions in the local councils, who

issue charters for city-wide movements

such as is being proposed for Lowell.

"The strongest points of our program

are as follows: First, the fact that our

program is positive and there are no

negatives in it. For instance, our law

states: A scout is trustworthy, loyal,

helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedi-

ient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean and

reverent. We expect him to live up to

that law to the best of his ability. We

never say, 'You should not do this be-

cause it is wrong or harmful,' but rather, 'Do this because you are a scout

and it is right and helpful.'

"Second, we believe that nature in-

tended the boy to have fresh air, sun-

shine and happiness. These we give

him in our wonderful program of scout

craft, which we will gladly explain in

detail if requested.

"Thirdly, we recognize the gang spir-

it and try to make every gang a patrol,

thereby allowing the boy his closest

companionship but utilizing his energy

in the right direction."

Three bills were filed by Repre-

sentative Butler of Lawrence, one pro-

viding that all employees of Massa-

chusetts public institutions must be

residents of this state; another that

requires public institutions in excess of

\$2000 shall be paid by an issue of

bonds, and a third that persons resid-

ing within 15 miles of a boundary line of Massachusetts may operate mines

not more than 15 miles from the bound-

ary line upon payment of a fee of

\$2 for license.

SCOUTS LOST; CREW SAVED

ROCKVILLE, Mass., Dec. 21.—The loss

of the largest three-masted schooner

Tarantula of Macoris, San Domingo,

was reported in a cablegram from Capt. Almon D. Outchouse here yesterday.

The crew of 120 perished. All of

them were saved. The Tarantula, which

was built here in 1912, was

laid down in New York for Macoris

and was laid in Macoris last year.

General Sir Douglas Haig, successor

of Field Marshal Sir John French, in

command of the British forces in

France, has played a prominent part

in most of the chief operations of the

British army in the present war—in

the retreat from Mons, in the Aisne,

at Ypres and at Neuve Chapelle. On

each occasion he received most gen-

eral praise in the official reports of

Sir John French. At Mons, General

Haig commanded the First corps, which

constituted the right wing of

the British army in the battle of

the Marne, and was the first to

cross the river Marne.

He has had experience at the war

office, where he was director of mili-

tary training, and in India, where he

was chief of the general staff to Gen-

eral Kitchener's successor. Before the

war Sir Douglas Haig had never com-

manded in action a larger body of

troops than the 100,000 men of the

First Army.

General Sir Douglas Haig, the suc-

cessor of Field Marshal Sir John French,

LEWIS, SENSATIONAL ENGLISH FIGHTER, TO TEST HIS SKILL AGAINST RITCHIE



TED LEWIS...

Much interest is being taken in the coming ten round bout between Ted Lewis, the sensational English welterweight, and Willie Ritchie, the former lightweight champion. According to many experts, Lewis is the greatest fighter of his weight that England has produced in many years. Jimmy Johnson, his manager, says Ted is in a class by himself as a fighter and that Willie Ritchie will experience the sensation of being knocked out. On the other hand, Ritchie says that Lewis is just human and that he should add another victory to his already long list.

GEN. VILLA LOST

Whereabouts Unknown to Officials — Believed to Be Near Border

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—Official advice failed today to disclose the exact whereabouts of General Francisco Villa, but a report from General Pershing at El Paso, indicated that Villa was on his way from Chihuahua to the border. General Pershing reported that, according to the best information available, Villa had about 400 men with him.

The belief prevailed that Villa would appear on this side of the boundary line.

BELIEVE REVOLUTION ENDED

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—Americans having commercial interests in Mexico are preparing to resume the operation of their properties there in the belief that the revolution headed by General Villa is ended. Engineers already have been sent to Mexico by the Mines company of America, which operates gold and silver mines in northern Mexico. The Monterrey smelter of the American Smelting & Refining company is said to be intact and can be made ready to operate again by the first of the year. Plans are being made to resume operations of the El-

ray mine in Chihuahua within a short time. It is said.

It was intimated today that the rehabilitation of the National railways of Mexico will begin not before the end of February.

Before New York bankers advance funds for re-financing, the Mexican government may have to demonstrate that it can pay its debts. The exchange rate between Mexico and the United States is now in the ratio of 14 to 1 against Mexico.

RAIDS BY YAQUI INDIANS

GUAYMAS, Mex., Dec. 20. (By radio to San Diego, Cal.)—Yaqui Indians have again begun raids on the American settlement at San Pedro and have attacked the Richard Construction company's experimental station there, according to a despatch received here today by the American consul from settlers in the region.

Acting upon urgent orders of Gen. Obregon, 500 Carranza cavalrymen have started from Esperanza and should reach the scene late tonight, while 1000 troops who left Magdalena should reach there tomorrow.

NOT LEGAL INVESTMENTS

BANK COMMISSIONER'S RULING ON PURCHASE OF ANGLO-FRENCH BONDS

BOSTON, Dec. 21.—Bank Commissioner Thorndike ruled today that the Anglo-French five per cent bonds are not legal investments for trust companies of Massachusetts. A few trust companies, which held a small part of the \$500,000,000 issue, will dispose of their holdings immediately, it was stated.

ELECTION OF REGISTRARS

On motion of Commissioner Duncan the council proceeded to the election of a registrar of voters for the unexpired term of James H. Rooney, the latter being a holdover since February. Francis M. Qua was elected. Mr. Qua received the votes of Carmichael, Duncan and Putnam. The mayor and Commissioner Morse voted for Fred H. Harrison.

The mayor moved that the council proceed to ballot for public library trustees, the term of Hugh J. Moloy, superintendent of schools, having expired. Mr. Moloy was re-elected unanimously.

Commissioner Putnam was authorized to contract for steel filing cases for city hall, the amount not to exceed \$1,000.

At 12:15 the council took a recess till one o'clock.

THE CITY PHYSICIAN

The council, during recess, discussed the city physician's request for an increase in salary. Dr. M. A. Tighe has been city physician since December, 1911, and has given excellent service. The doctor claims that the work in connection with the position of city physician has increased at least two-fold since he took office. He points to the extra duties involved by the workmen's compensation act. Under this act the city physician must pass on all cases of injury to persons in the employ of the city, indicating when they are able to resume their employment, and if necessary to substantiate that opinion for the industrial accident board. If the case in point should go that far, these hearings generally consume a whole morning and the city physician must remain throughout the hearing. It can be readily understood why the work might not be very popular and why it might even injure a physician's private business.

The work has also increased at the police station by reason of the principle that the city physician has enunciates to those in charge at the station to the effect that they should not wait in a given case until they are absolutely sure that a man is ill, but at the slightest doubt of a man's condition they should call the city physician so that they may be absolutely sure that no injustice will be done to anyone. This brings the city physician to the station many times unnecessarily. But he feels that it would be better to be called 100 times unnecessarily than that one case should suffer from the lack of his services.

The city physician's work at the Chelmsford street hospital calls him there every day. Sometimes he has to make two visits and even three on the same day. He does all the work at this institution, the inmates of which seldom get much below the 500 mark. He is on duty day and night subject to call to this institution and also to the police station. The city of Lowell has increased in size and population and

CITY HALL NEWS

Continued

Reports on several petitions by the Lowell Electric Light corporation for additional wire attachments were read and the orders accompanying the reports were adopted.

The petition of the water works department for a garage in its yard in Chelmsford street was referred to Commissioner Carmichael and Fire Chief Saunders.

The petition of the Hamilton Mfg. Co. for an electric light on Jackson street, near corner of Webster street, was referred to Mr. Morse.

The petition of Charles Hamel, that a sewer be laid in Riverby street from Lakeview avenue was referred to Mr. Morse.

The American Hide and Leather Co. petitioned for a permit to keep gasoline in a tank of 150 gallons capacity buried in the ground in Alton street. The petition was referred to Commissioner Carmichael and Fire Chief Saunders.

The petition of the Bay State Street Railway company and the Lowell Electric Light corporation for a point pole location on Chelmsford street near Short street, east side, was read and a hearing ordered for Jan. 4 at 11 a. m.

SIDEWALKS AND SEWERS

Orders for sidewalk assessments were read and assessments confirmed.

There was some question as to sewer assessments, Mr. Putnam claiming that all property should be assessed. The point in question had to do with Sheldon and Bellevue streets and Mr. Morse said an abutter ought not to be charged for a few feet of the land that is not utilized, while the usual assessment has been paid. Mr. Putnam's point was that the assessment should include all of the property; that it was not the city's business if any of the property was not utilized. Action in the matter was postponed.

DRAWING OF JURORS

The following traverse jurors to serve at the superior court for civil business, to be held at Cambridge on the first Monday of January, were drawn by Commissioner Morse:

William E. McHugh, 390 Beacon street, carpenter.

James Ashworth, 137 Stackpole street, gentleman.

Alma Gonet, 14 Spaulding street, insurance.

Arthur T. Safford, 31 Talbot street, engineer.

James J. Kennedy, 8 Stevens street, retired.

Harry M. Bellamy, 38 Dunsey street, machinist.

The following jurors to serve at the superior court for criminal business, to be held at Cambridge on the first Monday of January were drawn by Commissioner Carmichael:

William H. Blodgett, 5 Lumb, carpenter; Horace P. Beals, 84 Marlborough street, concrete business; John J. Cluin, 134 Fort Hill, avenue, jeweler and optician; Samuel J. Börner, 32 Rockdale avenue, clerk; Arthur L. Roberts, 53 Jenness street, bookkeeper; Charles C. Bourne, 910 Parkview avenue, master plumber.

The following grand juror was drawn by Commissioner Putnam:

Frank M. Brennan, 150 Agawam street, brakeman.

TO BORROW \$100,000

An order to borrow the principal sum of \$100,000 for the purpose of purchasing or otherwise acquiring land and of constructing a high school was read and adopted, the money being part of the \$700,000 borrowed and enacted by chapter 375 of the acts of 1914. The order had the emergency clause attached. The money will be transferred from the city treasury and placed to the credit of an appropriation designated and called "An appropriation for the purpose of purchasing and otherwise acquiring land and constructing a high school building or buildings thereon and equipping the same."

SCHOOL BOARD WANTS \$5000

A communication from the school committee containing a request for \$5000, with which to piece out the sum, was referred to the commissioner of finance.

A transfer of \$3712.27 from the filtration plant to the water department appropriation was voted.

ELECTION OF REGISTRARS

On motion of Commissioner Duncan the council proceeded to the election of a registrar of voters for the unexpired term of James H. Rooney, the latter being a holdover since February. Francis M. Qua was elected. Mr. Qua received the votes of Carmichael, Duncan and Putnam. The mayor and Commissioner Morse voted for Fred H. Harrison.

The mayor moved that the council proceed to ballot for public library trustees, the term of Hugh J. Moloy, superintendent of schools, having expired.

Mr. Moloy was re-elected unanimously.

Commissioner Putnam was authorized to contract for steel filing cases for city hall, the amount not to exceed \$1,000.

At 12:15 the council took a recess till one o'clock.

THE CITY PHYSICIAN

The council, during recess, discussed the city physician's request for an increase in salary. Dr. M. A. Tighe has been city physician since December, 1911, and has given excellent service. The doctor claims that the work in connection with the position of city physician has increased at least two-fold since he took office. He points to the extra duties involved by the workmen's compensation act.

Under this act the city physician must pass on all cases of injury to persons in the employ of the city, indicating when they are able to resume their employment, and if necessary to substantiate that opinion for the industrial accident board. If the case in point should go that far, these hearings generally consume a whole morning and the city physician must remain throughout the hearing. It can be readily understood why the work might not be very popular and why it might even injure a physician's private business.

The work has also increased at the police station by reason of the principle that the city physician has enunciates to those in charge at the station to the effect that they should not wait in a given case until they are absolutely sure that a man is ill, but at the slightest doubt of a man's condition they should call the city physician so that they may be absolutely sure that no injustice will be done to anyone. This brings the city physician to the station many times unnecessarily. But he feels that it would be better to be called 100 times unnecessarily than that one case should suffer from the lack of his services.

The city physician's work at the Chelmsford street hospital calls him there every day. Sometimes he has to make two visits and even three on the same day. He does all the work at this institution, the inmates of which seldom get much below the 500 mark. He is on duty day and night subject to call to this institution and also to the police station. The city of Lowell has increased in size and population and

as a result, the number of dependents has also increased, which means more work for the city physician.

The present salary of the city physician is \$700 a year, and it was stated today that there had been an increase in the salary in 40 years. Dr. Tighe asked for an increase of \$500, making the salary \$1200 a year.

The doctor also pointed out that in connection with his work at the police station he is obliged to stay early and late and is subject to calls at all times. He also does the medical legal work in the lower court, being called upon frequently to present the medical aspect of certain situations that the court may be enabled to decide as to their proper disposition. When this work comes it consumes considerable time in determining true conditions and also sitting about the court room waiting for the case or cases to be called.

Action on the increase asked for by Dr. Tighe will be taken at a future meeting.

FOR POWER AND HEAT

The very important question of furnishing power for the vocational school, and heating and lighting the entire group of buildings, was discussed with John A. Stevens, mechanical engineer. No definite action was taken.

The council reconvened at 1:35 and Commissioner Putnam moved that the public be invited to view the high school plans now on exhibition in the aldermanic chamber. It was so voted. At 1:45 the council adjourned to Thursday morning at 10 o'clock.

CITY HALL NOTES

Commissioner Putnam announced today the official appointment of Francis P. Cogger as elevator inspector to succeed the late Thomas F. Carey. Mr. Cogger, who has been in the employ

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LOST BOTH LEGS

Harry Saxon in Gardner Hospital—Run Over by Train

Harry Saxon, a former well known local man, is at the Heywood Memorial hospital, Gardner, with both legs amputated as a result of being run over by a freight train in Gardner early one morning last week. Physicians state that his recovery is expected.

Mr. Saxon is 27 years old. For a number of years he lived at 555 Gorham street, this city, and made many friends here. He came here from Lawrence, and a few years ago moved to Fitchburg where he now resides. While living in Lowell Mr. Saxon worked at the granite works in Westford.

Last week Saxon and a number of other Fitchburg men went to Gardner to attend a meeting of the striking masons there. The meeting lasted so long that they missed the last train back to Fitchburg. The party was anxious to return immediately and it was decided to go back on a freight train that passed through Gardner. The other men boarded the train but Saxon missed his footing and fell under the wheels. He was rushed to the hospital where it was found necessary to amputate both legs.

SERB REFUGEES AT ROME

LARGE NUMBERS OF ALL CLASSES ARRIVING FROM ITALIAN PORTS

ROME, Dec. 21.—Large numbers of Serbian refugees of all classes, including former cabinet ministers, deputies, writers and artists, are arriving here from the Italian ports of Bari, Brindisi, Messina and Catania. King Peter was expected to reach here during the night.

It is asserted that although the Serbian monarch was almost prostrated, he desired to go to the front to meet King Victor Emmanuel and express to the latter the gratitude of the Serbian nation for Italy's sympathy, hospitality and assistance by means of which, together with the support of the other allies, the Serbians hope to reconquer their country and "dictate the conditions of peace from Sofia."

All the Serbians arriving here agree that their ruin was due chiefly to the insistence of the entente allies that they wait for diplomatic negotiations instead of attacking Bulgaria before the latter was ready.

Officers of the Serbian staff express the opinion that the situation might still have been saved if one army corps of entente troops had arrived in time to assist the Serbians at Vranya as the Serbian army, although outnumbered, fought magnificently. This they say is proved by the fact that the Serbians, although withdrawing, made 70,000 prisoners, including 600 officers, half of whom died of typhoid fever during the retreat.

AMUSEMENT NOTES

OPERA HOUSE

The Emerson Players at the Opera House are this week producing the famous play from the pen of Augustus Thomas and Clayton Hamilton, entitled "The Big Idea," which is also known to many as "Wanted \$22,000." The play is being produced under the personal direction of Frank Wright and is proving quite a drawing card, if one is to judge by the large audience.

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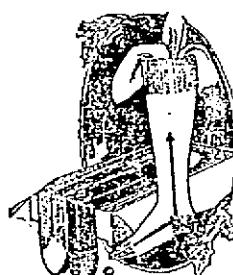
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BARON BURIAN (upper)
COUNT TISZA

the Black sea, a few miles south of the Rumanian border. It is a railroad terminus. This city and Burgas, 60 miles further south, are the principal Bulgarian Black sea ports.

On several occasions since the beginning of the Teutonic drive through Serbia it has been reported that the Russians would attempt an invasion of Bulgaria from the sea, and it was said forces were being concentrated for this purpose at Odessa. Previous despatches reporting Russian naval demonstrations before Varna or Burgas, presum-

ably preparatory to an effort to land troops, were not borne out subsequently.

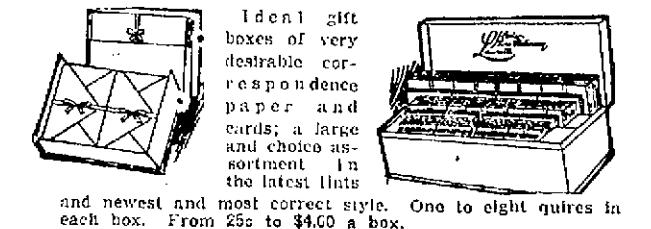
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Russian Expedition Arrives Off the Bulgarian Coast

LONDON, Dec. 21, 12:57 p. m.—Arrival of a Russian expedition off the Bulgarian coast is reported by the Athens correspondent of the Exchange Telegraph Co. He says:

"A Russian cruiser and two destroyers, the most powerful ever built, steaming the most remarkable speed, have arrived off the Bulgarian coast and are bombarding Varna vigorously."

The Bulgarian port of Varna is on

With the stars and immense cast of supporting actors "Graf," the new serial, which has been booked for showing at the Jewel theatre for the next 16 weeks, on Wednesdays and Thursdays, has behind it the biggest company that ever worked in any serial. An actor was chosen for his skill and ability. At the same time, with its immense throng of over 200 people, the cream of the talent of the film world was drawn upon for the production of this serial masterpiece. Instructions were given to the director to produce "Graf"—and spare no expense. The result is the most remarkable, most unique, best gripping, the most enthralling serial ever shown. It has ever been shown. Jane Novak and Robert Henrey are to be starred. The story opens with the death of a district attorney, who has waged war against a gigantic vice trust. The story

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NEW ASPECTS OF THE WAR

It is evident that the powers involved in the European war are to change their tactics to other lines than that prove more conclusive. England has withdrawn her troops from the Gallipoli peninsula after very foolish and expensive attempt to force the Dardanelles. The landing upon the peninsula in the first place was ordered as a result of clamor and political pressure in London. It was one of the worst blunders that England made during the entire war. Whole regiments were sacrificed in attempting a landing. Several of the best ships of the British navy were sunk and practically nothing was accomplished except to hold Turkish forces on the peninsula. These forces could not have done half as much harm anywhere else. The British troops were ordered to land and march against the fortresses which are among the strongest in Europe. The celebrated charge of the Light Brigade wasn't circumstance to the struggle at Seddul-Bahr, Suvla Bay and other points along the peninsula.

England now needs the troops at some other point, probably to defend Egypt and the Suez canal which, according to reports, will be the next object of attack by the Turkish forces led by German generals.

There is rumor that Germany may attempt to invade England; but of that there is not the slightest probability. Another raid may be made upon the coast of England or of Scotland, but we do not believe Germany would dare attempt to land an armed force in England. She could not do so with any hope of success.

It seems that Germany has ceased offensive movements with her own soldiers and that she is now using the Austrians, the Bulgarians and the Turks for the more serious attacks upon the allies. Italy has already one million men in the field and is preparing to add another million. It is not likely that any force that can be sent by Turkey to attack Egypt will be able to make an effective advance. Rather than permit any damage to the Suez canal or any invasion of Egypt the allies would withdraw their troops from Salomon and throw them against the Turks in defense of Egypt and the canal and along the Mesopotamia front. Russia has not done much recently except in driving the Germans back from the Riga district, but she is preparing for a campaign in the Balkans in which the Bulgarians are likely to get more than they bargained for.

It appears from recent developments that the war is not likely to end until a great deal more territory shall have been laid waste and other millions of men slaughtered. It is quite probable that the war will continue for another year at least. Earl Kitchener seems to have made a good guess when he said the war would last for three years. The allies will have to crush all the vassal states fighting on the side of the central powers before they can finally vanquish Germany, which they have agreed is the only method by which world peace can be secured.

AUSTRIA'S TART REPLY

The Austrian reply to the American note on the sinking of the *Ancon*, on which American citizens were lost, is couched in all the formality of the studied diplomacy of Europe. It is certainly an able document considering the fact that Austria has practically not a leg to stand on in the premises.

Still with a show of injured innocence, she demands from the United States a bill of particulars, as it were, or a precise statement of the circumstances upon which it bases its case. The reply, although evidently raising objections for the sole purpose of causing delay, makes certain requests that must be met by our government before taking final action. They are such objections as an ingenious lawyer for the defense would raise to embarrass the plaintiff in any judicial trial.

The chief aim of the Austrian government seems to be, to find out what evidence our government possesses as to the facts in the case and to insist upon all the formalities of diplomatic procedure before reaching a conclusion. For example, the Austrian note curtly states that it has no official knowledge of our correspondence with other governments, rather a rebuke to Secretary Lansing for assuming that the stand taken by this government in the *Ancon* case was well known to Austria and was nevertheless, ignored in the sinking of the *Ancon* without giving the passengers an opportunity to escape.

The reply smacks of German shrewdness and may be the result of collaboration between German and Austrian diplomats. It will not, however, change our government's demands. The sinking of the *Ancon* was fully as heartless and cruel fully as gross a violation of international law as was the sinking of the *Lusitania*; and Austria will be held to strict accountability accordingly.

There has been some unkind criticism of President Wilson on account of making the first note to Austria more vigorous than that addressed to Germany in the *Lusitania* case. The added vigor of the note was not, as alleged, because we care less for Austria or Austrian votes in this country,

a record for official probity and progressiveness of which any man may feel proud.

THE NEW HIGH SCHOOL

Whether the new high school be built under the direction of the municipal council or of a commission, care must be taken to provide all the safeguards possible against fire. It is to be regretted that the building will rise above the second story; but that is necessary in order to conform to the present building and to afford the required accommodation.

The sanitary arrangements of the old building are antiquated; and in such matters the new building should have the very best system to be found in any school building in the country. In regard to precautions against fire, the plan of partial fire-proofing laid down by Chief Neal of the district police and published in The Sun of Dec. 16 should be adopted. Chief Neal in that instance went far beyond what the law requires, but all his suggested improvements are essential to the proper safeguarding of school buildings against fire.

DRIVE OUT DYNAMITERS

In view of the numerous plots in which special German agents and consular officials are found to be involved for the purpose of destroying munition factories in this country and for blowing up bridges to block important waterways in Canada, it would seem to be time for the United States government to call Germany to account for making this country a base of operations for war on the allies. Moreover, this secret system of warfare has already caused the death of a large number of American citizens employed in powder and other factories engaged in the manufacture of munitions. In addition to these outrages, a vast amount of property has been destroyed and many American citizens have been lost at sea as a result of fires and explosions on vessels loaded with munitions as a result of the placing of bombs on such cargo through a well organized system conducted by German agencies.

If the United States government brought forward all the evidence obtained against German diplomatic officials involved in such conspiracies, its enormity would certainly justify racial action by our government. These conspiracies have already been carried to a most outrageous stage and it is time the authorities at Washington took action calculated to stop them effectually. It is of far more importance to protect the many thousands of American citizens engaged in the munition factories than to go to the verge of war to protect the few who venture to cross the ocean on the passenger vessels of belligerent powers. If, as has been alleged, the federal law bearing on such offenses is at present inadequate, congress should extend its scope without delay in order that the deadly conspiracies in which wholesale murder of American citizens is threatened shall be promptly discontinued and that the authors shall be driven from our shores.

CHRISTMAS BUSINESS

Judging from the dense throngs of shoppers that crowded the streets yesterday and last night, the stores must have done an immense Christmas business. The weather last week was rather unfavorable for shopping so that the present week will be one of rush and bustle in the stores. Hundreds of shoppers who came downtown last night found it utterly impossible to get into the larger stores. Never perhaps in the history of the city have our people been more prosperous or more generally employed at fair wages than at the present time. The United States Cartridge shop, of course, has been a great factor in bringing about this condition by affording employment to thousands who had been unable to find work in other industries. Its rapid growth came at a providential time for the city of Lowell and compensated in a great measure for the outgoing of the Bigelow-Hartford carpet industry which has been moved by the purchasers to other centers.

There is every reason to expect that the present Christmas will be more thoroughly enjoyed than any that Lowell has seen for many years. It is to be hoped that Christmas cheer will reach the homes and the hearts of even the poorest and most afflicted in our city and that old and young, rich and low, will join in making it a merry, merry Christmas.

COL. CARMICHAEL'S RETIREMENT

Commissioner Carmichael has very sensible views in regard to the new high school and in fact municipal matters in general. It is quite generally stated that the city loses a very capable and conscientious servant in his retirement; and yet it is also alleged that he himself is to blame for his defeat at the primaries. He did not come out to make any proper appeal to the voters until the last hour, when it was too late to change public sentiment in favor of other candidates. Commissioner Carmichael has given the citizens such efficient, faithful and successful service in the face of certain elements opposed to the city's interests that he probably supposed the taxpayers would show their appreciation of his work to such an extent that he would not have to advertise or to make street corner speeches. The man who does not adopt the campaign methods in vogue nowadays can hardly expect success.

Commissioner Carmichael will go out of office with the good will of a large percentage of the people and with

Howard to prevent certain transactions which he thought were irregular.

The Sun is represented in the press gallery in congress by an able correspondent so that readers of this paper can rely upon getting full and accurate news of all the important proceedings in congress and in the capital in general.

The price of coal has taken another jump. In this case it is alleged that the congeation of freight traffic is the cause but if that excuse were not available some other would be found.

SEEN AND HEARD

A good friend is one who likes us, understands us and never asks questions.

The old-fashioned man who used to say, "He's cracked," has a boy who says, "He's a nut."

ALL THERE

"Do you mean to appear in the street in that skimpy costume? You told me your suit had as much material in it as the one you wore last winter."

"It has," said his wife calmly. "The skirt may be somewhat shorter, but I'm wearing an extra high collar."

THE CHARM OF CHRISTMAS

There is something in the very season of the year that gives a charm to the festivity of Christmas. In the depth of winter, when nature lies despoiled of her charms, wrapped in her shroud of sheeted snow, we turn for our gratifications to moral sources. Heart calls to heart, and we draw our pleasures from the deep wells of living kindness which lie in the quiet recesses of our bosoms.—Washington Irving.

JIM'S FRIENDS PLEASED

"Jim" Hearn of the Lowell Sun, I am told, will return to his old position as secretary to the mayor up in Lowell upon the inauguration of Mayor James D. O'Donnell. "Jim" is well known here in Lawrence and it is with pleasure that his local friends learn of his good fortune. He was Mayor O'Donnell's secretary in 1912 and 1913 and a more genial fellow one would not ask to meet.—Man About Town in the Lawrence Telegram.

NO SPOILS TO SHARE

An old negro was charged with chicken stealing, and the judge said: "Where's your lawyer, uncle?"

"Ain't got none, judge."

"But you ought to have one," returned the court. "I'll assign one to defend you."

"No, sir, no, sir, please don't do dat," begged the defendant.

"Why not?" persisted the judge.

"It won't cost you anything. Why don't you want a lawyer?"

"Well, Ah'll tell yo', judge," said the old man confidentially. "Ah wants me enjy dem chickens mahnself."

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With Christmas cheer the ball is high.

At friendly feuds with winter's cold;

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The holly with its crimson glow.

The mistletoe, the mistletoe,

The mistletoe, the mistletoe!

The wain and wanton mistletoe!

Chance comes to our festal eyes,

Dear crimson breasted holly sprig!

Thee, Rubin, too, the ball receives,

Unbidden, whom our hearts invite,

And leaves;

He cocks his head and sings "Hullo!"

The mistletoe, the mistletoe;

Hangs up above, but what's below?

On, what's below the mistletoe?

The mistletoe, the mistletoe!

For what's below the mistletoe?

Ah, ha! Why, it is Cupid, O!

Ah, ha! Below the mistletoe,

'Tis Cupid, O, 'tis Cupid, O!

—Temple Bar.

SENTRIES' CHRISTMAS DAY

Raymond P. Sanford, a robust and healthy undergraduate of Cornell, lived for scientific purposes on 85 cents a week, his food including buttermilk, Jenkins, peanuts, raisins, cabbage, peppers, oatmeal and apples.

"I thrive on this fare," Mr. Sanford

NEW FIRE HOUSE

The city government of 1916 will have some big propositions to deal with in the building line. Added to those already before the public for some time, will be a new fire house in the outer Highlands, demanded by Chief Saunders and undoubtedly necessary for the proper protection of the district against fire hazards. The construction of a new fire station as far out as Stevens street would probably render the Westford house unnecessary. In that case the building could be disposed of to advantage.

IT IS PLAIN

It is plain from the case of Howard vs. Brown that if any individual member of the municipal council acting on his own responsibility engages a lawyer to attend to the city's business, he will have to pay the bill—if he can. Mr. Brown, no doubt, thought otherwise when he engaged Lawyer

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Miss Sarah Averill, Atlantic, Mass., cancerous tumor of neck.

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ROUND UP GANG OF YEGGS

Boston Police Capture Quartet Identified as Men Who Have Conducted Series of Holdups

BOSTON, Dec. 21.—Captured in different sections of the city last night, armed with loaded guns, four men were positively identified as the gunmen who were the perpetrators of the series of store and street robberies during the last two months.

The most important capture was made by Special Officers Lyons and Flaherty of the Back Bay station when they captured Thomas Cullen, 57, self-styled "one of the slickest short-changers in the country," and George P. Fowler, 28, at 92 Marlboro street, South End.

This pair were identified by Peter J. Adams, manager of the Boylston Sea Grill, 1002 Boylston street, as the men who entered his establishment late in the night of Oct. 22 and rifled the cash register after binding and gagging him at a revolver's point.

Charge West Newton Street Thefts

The police also charge Cullen and Fowler with the robbery of the Tupper Creamery at 253 West Newton street, Dec. 18, and of a co-operative grocery store at 220 West Newton street, Dec. 2.

In search of the Marlboro street house after Cullen and Fowler were arrested, Flaherty discovered a torn shirt of the same striped material as the piece of cloth employed as a gag and left behind during the robbery of the Tupper Creamery Saturday night. Many bags, suit cases and bundles, and \$177 in money were recovered.

Flaherty and Lyons went to the Marlboro street house shortly after 11 o'clock yesterday morning to arrest the men. The pair were out. After the officers had waited six hours Cullen appeared. He was pounced on as he stepped through the door and hustled to the East Newton street station. He had a 44-caliber revolver and a package of cartridges in his possession.

Find Revolver in Pocket

Two hours later Fowler entered the house. He was also armed when grabbed by the officers. The revolver was in his inside jacket pocket.

Cullen is 57, but appears much younger. According to the story he told the police, he has been all over the country, following "drunks and fairs principally, and he made the boast that he is one of the slickest "pelters" in the country. A "pelter" is an adept at receiving bills of large denomination and passing back change for a much smaller bill. The same, he said, is worked extensively at country circuses. The police believe he is wanted by the New York police.

Among the articles found in the Marlboro street lodging house were several dairies. In these were listed a large number of stores and houses in prosperous residential districts. The police claim the men had the lists in preparation for further robberies.

Captured on Marlboro street
Earlier in the evening Sergt. Thomas

O'Donnell of the Hanover street station and Patrolman William Barrett of the Norwood police department arrested Charles Zalesky, 19, of 4 Willow street, Norwood, and Edward Caulfield, 22, 1137 Washington street, Norwood, in a Hanover street saloon.

Both of the men were carrying loaded revolvers when taken into custody. They are charged with being the men who committed two street hold-ups in Norwood, this month, and one in Brookline on Saturday, when Edward Mawhiney was held up by armed men on the street and robbed of \$107 and some papers and keys. The police say that the papers and keys Mawhiney lost at that time were found on the men arrested last night.

Zalesky is known to the police and is on probation for another offense. Caulfield has been in the country only two weeks. He is an English army veteran and lost two fingers fighting in the trenches. He was discharged from service on account of his disability and came to the United States.

All four of the captured men will be photographed for the rogues' gallery before being arraigned in court to-day.

FEWER MEN OUT OF WORK

MARKED IMPROVEMENT IN LABOR MARKET THROUGHOUT STATE OF MASSACHUSETTS

BOSTON, Dec. 21.—Conditions were better in the labor market of this state during the three months ending Sept. 30 this year than has been the case for two years, according to the regular quarterly statement on unemployment issued by Director Charles F. Gettman of the Bureau of Statistics.

The returns showed that but 7 per cent of the members of the labor organizations were out of employment for all causes, as compared with 10.6 per cent unemployed at the close of June, which was, in turn, a reduction of six points over the previous quarter.

Lack of work was assigned as the chief cause for unemployment. The percentage unemployed because of strikes and lockouts was but 1.2, as compared with 0.5 at the close of June, and 0.5 at the close of September, 1914. The percentage unemployed because of unfavorable weather at the close of the quarter was 0.6.

REBUILDING HAMPTON BEACH

Building operations along the recently burned area are going on with astonishing rapidity. Upon every side there is great activity despite the cold and inclement weather. The buildings commenced in the late fall are well along, and of these one of the most noticeable is the New Ashworth, the third structure of its kind to be erected upon the same site.

The structure is rapidly assuming its finished appearance; the roof is on and the building boarded. It is practically a replica of the former hotel by the same name, only it is eight feet longer than its predecessor. Mr. Ashworth hopes to have the building in readiness for the opening of another season.

One of the latest building operations is on the new Janvier hotel, work upon which was commenced this past week. A large force of employees is engaged in the undertaking and the building will stand upon its original site, while practically the same architectural plan will be followed as distinguished the burned building. Mrs. D. A. Munsey, the proprietress, has arranged to have two stores upon the street floor of the hotel, with the large dining room on the same elevation.

DISCONTENT IN BULGARIAN ARMY

PARIS, Dec. 21.—A Rome despatch to the Havas agency, dated Dec. 20, says the newspaper *Scelo* has received from its Seres, (Macedonia), correspondent the following:

"Russophile Bulgarian deserters report that the discontent with the arrogance of German officers is increasing in the Bulgarian army. Near Strumita, a Bulgarian soldier fired three revolver shots at Gen. Thedoroff (Bulgarian). He missed his aim but killed the general's aide de camp. The soldier was hanged."

TONIGHT'S MEETINGS

The date of the joint Franklin celebration and anniversary of the local was put off until the first Saturday in February, at the meeting held by Typographical union last Saturday night.

STORE BUSINESS

The stores of the city are enjoying an unprecedented Christmas business and the merchants are well satisfied.

The amount of business transacted during the past few days is evidence of the prosperity of the people of the city. The remaining days are going to be hard on the clerks and those who have presents to buy should take this fact into consideration. Shop as early and as quickly as you can!

CARTRIDGE CO. WAGONS

On Friday of this week as previously announced in this paper, the U. S. Cartridge Co. will pay its employees their back pay dating from Sept. 23 when they went back to work pending an investigation into wages and working conditions by the state board. This is good news to the employees of the company who will have plenty of money with which to enjoy a really happy Christmas. Officials of the company are to be complimented for making the disbursement at this time.

MONDAYS ELECT OFFICERS

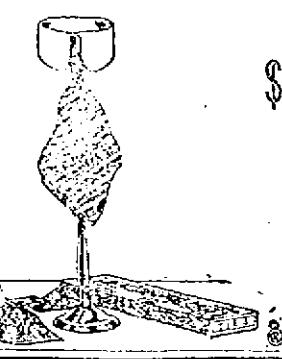
Trades & Labor hall in Middle street never held a larger crowd than last night when the members of the Moulders' union assembled for a regular meeting. Matters of considerable importance were brought out at the session including the election of officers for the ensuing term and a lengthy discussion of the strike situation. The following officers were elected: John D. Willman, president; Frank Januszko, vice-president; Abram Pomerleau, recording secretary; William F. Mahoney, financial secretary; Burt Dupee, treasurer; Owen McArdele, doorkeeper; Patrick McCabe, inductor; Frank Januszko, assistant inductor; Stephen Tobin, trustee for 18 months.

The committee on the strike reported the situation as practically unchanged and favorable action was taken on the report. The meeting was addressed by Business Agent Eugene L. Murphy of Norwood and by James Doyle of the Fitchburg local, both of whom gave instructive talks on trade unionism. A list of routine business was transacted and several communications from the international organization were read and referred to the secretary for disposal.

BUILDING ACTIVITY

The families of the carpenters of the city will be well taken care of on Christmas day as the boom among the building trades shows no sign of letting up and every union carpenter is steadily employed. It is the opinion of officials at the union headquarters that there may be considerable work at the plant of the Bigelow-Hartford Carpet Co. if the buildings are sold or leased, and new buildings are planned by the Tremont & Suffolk mills and the United States Cartridge Co. Business Agent Michael A. Lee does not remember a winter when his men were in such demand as at the present.

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The big organization of this store with its big variety of stocks and sound financial standing extends to you the advantage of purchases and weekly payments in small convenient amounts.

FROM THE MEN'S STORE

Overcoats	\$10 to \$25
Suits	\$12.50 to \$25
Neckwear	25c and 50c
Shoes	\$2.50 to \$3.50
Hosiery	25c
Overshoes	\$2.50
Sweaters	\$3.50 to \$7.50
Bath Robes	\$3.98 to \$6.98
Umbrellas	\$1.00 to \$3.50

FROM THE LADIES' STORE

Coats	\$7.50 to \$29.50
Furs	\$5.00 to \$22.50
Dresses	\$5.00 to \$25.00
Suits	\$15.00 to \$29.50
Waists	98c to \$5.98
Hats	\$1.98 to \$2.98
Bedroom Slippers	\$1.25
Shoes	\$2.50 to \$3.00
Caps and Scarfs	50c to \$1.00
Corduroy Robes	\$5.00

JEWELRY STORE

Waltham Watches	\$15 to \$25
7 size and 17 jewel movements, guaranteed cases.	
Bracelet Watches	\$15 to \$35
Diamond Rings	\$27.50 to \$75
Chains, Pendants, Signet Rings, from	\$4.50 to \$7.50

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INDUSTRIAL AND STORE NEWS

UNION LAW DEPARTMENT

The San Francisco Labor council has established a legal department and is informing all unions affiliated that any union desiring information or advice on legal matters, including questions of trade union law and discipline, may consult the department free of charge.

BARRY'S CHRISTMAS TREE

Employees of the W. J. Barry Shop Co. will suspend work early Friday afternoon to be present at the Christmas tree celebration which is an annual feature at the plant. As in former years there will be presents for all the employees as well as foremen and overseers. Following the presentation of gifts a musical program will be carried out and dancing will be enjoyed.

REGISTRATION

Today registration closes for candidates who desire to run for office in Street Railway men's union, local 280. The election will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 28 and the Australian ballot system will be used. A large number of candidates have already registered.

CELEBRATION POSTPONED

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TONIGHT'S MEETINGS

Tonight's schedule of meetings follows: Local 14, Carpenters' union, Runels building; Leather Workers' union, 348 Central street; Street Railway men's union, local 551, Runels building; Building Laborers' union, Trades & Labor hall, Middle street.

HELD UP BY FRENCH

GERMAN PURSER WAS TAKEN OFF THE AMERICAN STEAMER BORINQUEN, SAYS SKIPPER

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—Wilhelm Garbo of Brooklyn, purser of the American steamer Borinquen was removed from the vessel off the harbor of San Juan, Porto Rico, by officers of the French cruiser Despesses, according to the Borinquen skipper. The ship arrived here yesterday.

According to Captain Dow of the Borinquen, the incident occurred about 1 a. m. on Dec. 15, while his ship was five miles outside San Juan harbor. After officers from the Despesses had come aboard they sent a boat alongside and directed Garbo to get in.

To stop the Borinquen, the Despesses threw her searchlight on her, even fired a blank shot across her bows. The cruiser, according to the Borinquen skipper, had apparently been waiting for the steamer to leave San Juan.

Garbo, it was said, was a German, but had taken out his first citizenship papers sometime ago. He had been employed by the line about three years.

REV. W. S. SINGLETON DEAD

JESUIT TEACHER, FORMERLY OF BOSTON COLLEGE, DIED AT PHILADELPHIA

BOSTON, Dec. 21.—The Rev. William S. Singleton, S. J., vice-president and prefect of studies at St. Joseph's college in Philadelphia for several years, died early yesterday morning at that college from a prolonged illness.

Fr. Singleton was born in New York city Nov. 25, 1865, and was educated at the Christian Brothers' school attached to St. Francis Xavier college, New York, and Woodstock college, Maryland.

He was a teacher in the high school and college departments of the Jesuits and after his ordination he came to Boston in 1892, and taught at Boston college for four years. While in Boston he suffered a severe illness and was confined to his bed for many months. When he recovered he was transferred to St. Francis Xavier's col-

NEW STAMPED ENVELOPES

Postmasters Informed of the Change Will Bear Embossed Stamp of New Design

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—The post office department today notified postmasters that it is about to issue stamped envelopes bearing an embossed two-cent postage stamp of new design. The new stamp is printed in red ink and is in the form of a circle. In the center is embossed the head of Washington in profile.

Lowell, Tuesday, Dec. 21, 1915

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UP TO THE UNIONS

Success for Allies Depends on Labor Men Says Lloyd George

LONDON, Dec. 21.—David Lloyd George, munitions minister, gave an account of his stewardship in the house of commons last night.

Beginning with the oft-repeated story of the insufficiency of munitions in the early days of the war and the history of the establishment of his department to remedy this situation, the minister gradually warmed to his subject and reached the climax with the declaration that the success of the allies in the war depends on the attitude of organized labor—whether it will allow the government to recruit a sufficient number of skilled men for the factories which the munitions department has brought into being.

"We want 80,000 skilled men, and from 200,000 to 300,000 unskilled men for these new factories," he said. "We must reduce the proportion of our orders, which go abroad, and develop our home resources. On the supply of labor depends, I think, our success in this war. On this depends whether we can reduce the cost of the war by scores of millions of pounds. Upon this depends whether we can supply our troops with the right sort of guns and enable them to make next year's campaign a success."

"Here, only organized labor can help us. We have done our best to get skilled labor by the system of munitions volunteers. It is not me, going into the question of why we got only 5000 or 6000 men, although that story may have to be told later.

"The whole question depends on organized labor. Unless it allows us to put unskilled workers on the work, which hitherto has been the monopoly of skilled labor, we cannot perform this task. There can be only one appeal, namely, to patriotism. Victory depends on this. Hundreds of thousands of previous lives depend on labor's answer."

Speeding Up Munitions

Earlier in his speech Mr. Lloyd George admitted there was a bad shortage in the British munitions supply in the first year of the war, but declared that the present situation was quite a different matter. Last May the British were turning out only 2500 high explosive shells daily against the Germans' 250,000.

"Here is the situation now," he said. "The quantity of shells fired in the recent September operations was enough. The battle lasted days, even weeks, yet there was no shortage of shells. This was the result of four months' careful husbanding. Yet we replaced the whole amount in a month and hope soon to be in a position to replace a like quantity in a week."

Without giving definite figures, the minister forecast the output of many guns of the largest size, and later declared that the output of machine guns had increased five-fold since June, and the output of hand grenades 40-fold, while more trench mortars were produced every fortnight than in the entire first year of the war. Continuing he said:

"There have been other developments of our work which I dare not mention. There has been valuable experimental work of a kind better not discussed. As to explosives, we have

shall be able to continue to supply ourselves and our allies."

"As to economy I may cite as an example new contracts for gun ammunition, which is the principal item of expenditure; the cost of 18-pounder shells has been reduced 40 per cent and 4.5-inch howitzer shells 30 per cent."

"It is too early to talk of the danger of overproduction. In the last great battle, although there was a tremendous accumulation of ammunition, the generals stated that with three times the quantity of ammunition they would have achieved 20 times the result. Two hundred million pounds, or the cost of only 40 days of war, would produce an enormous quantity of munitions. If you had that quantity at the right moment, the war might be won in 40 days; whereas, without it, the war might be prolonged perhaps 400 days."

"With regard to munition, what is spared in money is spilled in blood. If there are risks to be taken let them rise to the pockets of the tax payers, and not to the lives of men."

Describing the steps taken to speed up the output, Mr. Lloyd-George mentioned particularly the purchase of machinery in America and the acquisition by the government of raw material for many months to come for its allies, as well as for itself. He emphasized the unexpected success which had attended munitions work in Ireland, thanks, he said, to the assistance of John Redmond.

Turning to the new national factories which he said now numbered 20, he declared they had been conspicuously successful, minimizing labor difficulties and enabling the government to check prices. There were also hundreds of private factories under the co-operative scheme that previously had not been engaged in munition work. These factories alone, he said, were now making three times as many shells as the whole United Kingdom was making last May.

Referring to American orders, Mr. Lloyd-George said:

"David A. Thomas comes back speaking in the highest possible terms of the service rendered this country by J. P. Morgan & Co. not merely in the selection of firms for contracts, as in fact they saved us many millions of pounds by their efforts to reduce the inflated prices prevailing before they took the matter in hand."

LETTER FROM MISS BOUTELLE

An interesting letter has been received by a Lowell friend of Miss Harriet Boutelle, former general secretary of the Y.W.C.A., who resigned a few months ago to take up work of a similar nature in China:

Canton, November, 1915.—To begin with mundane things, our furniture ordered in Canton has arrived, also two of the beds from home, so we are fast getting settled and are open for company. Not that we have lacked company so far. The three of us have eaten not more than 10 meals by ourselves, but we are all social beings and are busily engaged in the society of town. Our regular powder is Mrs. Turner, whose husband has been in the hospital back of our house.

The great event has been the "training conference" held Oct. 25-31 with 1000 men in executive. Each school was invited and the number of delegates which could be sent out there were sleeping accommodations for only 100, but a few more people came to for the day, especially the members of the city board of directors. They, no less than the students, saw a new vision of what an association means and can mean. It is never in the schools that no one left the conference without a deeper understanding of prayer and a high resolve to let prayer take its rightful place in her life.

Miss Boutelle is quite hopeful of success in her new field.

GEN. DE WIT RELEASED

HEAD OF SOUTH AFRICAN REBELLION AND HIS OTHER HIGH TREACHERY PRISONERS FREED

LONDON, Dec. 21.—Oscar Christian de Wit, one of the leaders of the South African rebellion against the British government in 1914, who was convicted of treason at Bloemfontein, Union of South Africa, last June, has been released from prison, as have 118 other high treason prisoners, according to a dispatch to Reuters' Telegram Co. from Johannesburg. The prisoners were released on payment of their fines and on condition that they abstain from participation in politics, that they neither attend nor take part in public meetings, and that they do not leave their districts without permission.

COUPLE ARE REUNITED

H. E. BILLINGS RETURNS TO WIFE AFTER TEN MONTHS—\$25,000 SUIT PENDING

BOSTON, Dec. 21.—Mrs. Jessie M. Billings of 497 Huntington avenue, Back Bay, declared herself very happy last night, when her husband returned after an absence of ten months. She refused to state, however, whether she will now withdraw a suit for \$25,000 which she has filed against his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frederick S. Billings of 12 Russell street, West Somerville, charging that they have alienated his affections from her.

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PROTEST POSTOFFICE CHANGE

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principal we advised her to continue and she did stay."

"She was coming in late nights, I told her she must get in early and get up in the morning in time for school and not be tardy. She said that she would come in and get out when she pleased. When I asked her why she did not get up in time for church she said that was her business."

"After this talk she dressed and left the house and has only returned for clothes. I slapped her that day for the first time in my life."

"I found a revolver in her drawer fully loaded and when I asked her what she had it for she said: 'I intend to use it on you.' She then went to her room and I cried."

"I never refused any request for assistance and gave her money while she was with her aunt. On one occasion I gave her \$5 and on another \$6. I sent her \$2 by her brother. She later said that she had known it was from me who would not have taken it. I have always tried to induce her to come home."

TOTAL LOSSES 2,287,083

NEW PRUSSIAN CASUALTY LISTS ISSUED—OTHER LOSSES ARE REPORTED

LONDON, Dec. 21.—"According to the Nieuwe Rotterdamsche Courant, the Prussian lists of losses number 390 to 839, contain 42,526 names, making the total Prussian losses 2,287,083," says the Amsterdam correspondent of Reuters' Telegram Co. He continues:

"There are besides 234 Saxonian, 315

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Winston-Salem, N. C.

More Straight Talk to the man who tends his own heater fire

When you are busy shovelling out coal ashes do you ever think that those ashes cost you \$8 or more per ton? Then you have to shovel them into a barrel and pay some one to cart them away. Not to mention the dust that clogs up your lungs and soils your clothes.

What is the answer? Lowell Coke. It is clean and nearly all pure fuel. No stone or slate. No gas-making sulphur or other chemicals. It burns up cleanly and makes very few ashes.

And you save \$2.50 on every ton.

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GENERAL MEN:

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54 Lawrence Avenue.

Yours truly,
(Signed)

FRED JOLLION.

BOOKS FOR CHILDREN

PARENTS AND OTHERS CAN GET SOME GOOD POINTERS AT THE PUBLIC LIBRARY

In the children's reading room at the city library is a collection of books that will assist parents in selecting books for their children. A similar collection, a sort of Christmas exhibit, was made last year and its success last year was responsible for its reappearance this year. The books were selected from library lists. They are recommended by librarians and endorsed by library workers generally. Miss Bertha G. Kyle has charge of the children's reading room. Miss Kyle is very modest and would prefer not to have her name mentioned in connection with this little report of the Christmas exhibit. But it is really necessary that persons desirous of viewing the collection should know who to ask for when they visit the reading room and just for that we will have mentioned her name.

The Christmas exhibit is along the line of the library league work and in sympathy with it. The purpose of the library league is to promote and foster the love of good reading among children, to encourage the purchase of the best books for children and to co-operate with the city library towards these ends.

The books on exhibition include the following: "The Book of the Child," valued especially because of its illustrations, and another very recent and very helpful publication in "What Shall We Read to the Children?" by Clara W. Hunt; "The Last of the Plainsmen," by Zane Grey; "The Boy Scouts of Berkshires," by Eaton; "Kingsworth" and others of Scott's stories for boys and girls; Stevenson's works including "Treasure Island" and "Kidnapped"; "Alice's Adventures in Wonderland" and "Through the Looking Glass," by Carroll; "A Wonder Book" and "Tanglewood Tales," by Hawthorne; "Peter's 'Rohman' Crusoe" and hundreds of other interesting stories for children. The collection is a very good one and parents contemplating the purchase of books as Christmas presents for the little ones ought not to overlook the very compact little exhibit in the children's reading room at the public library.

ALARM FOR A SUNRISE

MAINE MAN'S MISTAKE DISCOVERED ONLY AFTER A MILE HURLED YESTERDAY MORNING

OLDINTOWN, Me., Dec. 21.—Early yesterday morning the firemen of the Stillwater district were turned out and the early apparatus hooked up for an alarm 11:11 a. m. in an excited citizen who thought he saw a big blaze in the direction of the University of Maine.

After a run of nearly a mile the firemen discovered that the supposed blaze was the rising sun shining through a slight smoke from a brush fire.

The district chief ordered his men back and the clerk made the entry "Dec. 20, Box 78, 1:35 a. m., location of fire, the sun, no water used."

GIRL'S DEATH MYSTERY

Lynn Police Make Little Progress in Solving Case of Miss Anna D. Kane of Salem

LYNN, Dec. 21.—Very little progress has been made by police inspectors in their investigation of the death at a private hospital on Washington street, Saturday afternoon, of Miss Anna Dorothy Kane, 19 years old, of 23 Proctor street, Salem.

An autopsy performed by Medical Examiner Pinkham revealed that death was due to the effects of an illegal operation, which the police have been told was performed prior to last Friday night.

SELL COPPER ROOFS

STUTTGART, Germany, Dec. 21.—Prince Fuerstenberg, well known as an intimate friend of the emperor, has decided to do his part toward enlarging the stocks of copper in the hands of the army authorities. He has ordered that the copper roofs of his castle at Donaueschingen be removed and the metal sold to the government.

Japanese women rarely enter a court of justice.

"THE FORTUNE HUNTER"

WILL BE PRESENTED BY HIGH SCHOOL PUPILS IN JANUARY FOR BENEFIT OF ATHLETIC FUN

"The Fortune Hunter," such is the title of the four-act comedy which will be produced sometime in January by the pupils of the high school. The presentation of a play is a yearly affair with the pupils of the school and again this year, the receipts of the event will go toward swelling the athletic fund. The play will be produced at the Playhouse and under the personal direction of Miss Mary Joyce.

Those who will take part are as follows: Lewis P. Smith, Reginald E. Cox, Raymond Bourgois, Donald F. Cameron, Benjamin L. Whittier, H. Donald Melton, Garabud Moushagan, Guy F. McLeod, James A. McDonald, Edward W. Gallagher, Elmon F. Benton, Percy Lightman, Walter J. L'Esperance, Verdi D. McKay, Reginald B. Nichols, Paul J. Chquette

LOWEST DEATH RATE EVER

Sec. Langtry's Vital Statistics for 1914 Show Most Encouraging Conditions in Massachusetts

Special to The Sun

STATE HOUSE, Boston, Dec. 20.—The death rate in Massachusetts was lower in 1914 than in any previous year in the history of the commonwealth, according to the annual report of the secretary of state on births, marriages and deaths, issued today. Briefly summarized, the report shows that the number of births registered for the year was 93,359, marriages 32,538, deaths 52,578, and the divorces granted numbered 2,200.

The birth rate in 1914 was 25.8 per 1,000 population, being 3 above the rate for 1913 and 1 below the average for the ten years 1851 to 1913. The average for the 64 years, 1851 to 1914, was 26.4.

The marriage rate in 1914 was 18 per 1,000 population, being 3 above the rate for 1913 and 1 below the average for the ten years 1851 to 1913. The average for the 64 years, 1851 to 1914, was 18.9.

The divorce rate in 1914 was 165 per 100,000 married population, an increase of 10, or 7 per cent, over the average for the five-year period 1908 to 1912.

The death rate was 14.7 per 1,000 population, the lowest ever recorded in this commonwealth, notwithstanding the fact that there was a larger absolute number of deaths than in any previous year except 1913, 1911, 1910 and 1907. The average death rate for the ten preceding years, 1864 to 1913, was 16 per 1,000, and the average rate for the 64 years, 1851 to 1914, was 15.5.

The infant mortality rate was 10.3 per 1,000 live births, the lowest ever recorded in the commonwealth, the rate for the preceding year being 11.0, while the average for the ten years, 1894 to 1913, was 12.4. Notwithstanding the growth in population and the steadiness of the birth rate there was also a reduction in the actual number of infant deaths in 1914, as compared with 1913, of 19, or 1.9 per cent. In the city of Boston the infant mortality rate was 10.3 per 1,000 live births, as contrasted with a rate of 11.0 in 1913. Thus a large proportion of the salvage of infant life in Massachusetts during 1914 took place in Boston, where the infant welfare agencies have been most untiring in their campaign for baby saving. These figures are probably an indication of the extent to which the adverse influence of urban surroundings on infant life may be avoided.

Mortality from all the epidemic diseases was below the average. The number of deaths from typhoid fever was the lowest on record, and the number of deaths from the measles the lowest since 1895. The mortality from diphtheria and croup, concomitantly, was the lowest on record except for 1913, 1912, 1911 and 1909. There were no deaths from smallpox.

Cancer caused a larger number of deaths than in any preceding year, as did Bright's disease (except for 1913), while the number of deaths from tuberculosis of the lungs was the lowest on record.

The report makes a strong plea for more general observance of the law requiring registration of births. Secretary Langtry declaring that in his judgment registration has not been complete in some of the cities and towns of the state. The following reasons are given as indicating the need for complete observance of the law:

1. That the birth, date of birth, parentage and other essential information for governmental and identification purposes may be made matters of official record.

2. That the ages of school children may be definitely known, making possible the proper enforcement of school laws.

3. That the laws affecting child labor may be effective and the children of the poor thereby protected.

4. That labor may become safer by the elimination of children under

16 years of age.

5. That the law-abiding employers of youth may be protected.

6. That prosecutions dealing with "acts of concealment" may be settled by record and not by conjecture.

7. That litigation in matters of inheritance and settlement of estates may be simplified by the definite knowledge of the ages of all persons concerned.

8. That the American-born children of foreign-born parents may have indisputable evidence of American birth, which will protect them from enforced military service when visiting the mother country of the parents.

9. That blindness may be prevented by prompt medical attention to the infected eyes of the newborn.

10. That infection and mortality among women may be prevented, and that young babies may be saved by immediate attention by existing agencies for the relief of the poor.

11. That the United States children's bureau may become effective and may carry out the duties imposed upon it by congress.

12. That the thousands of dollars, from public and private sources, dedicated to the protection of infants and the welfare of the young, and the development of the race, may be wisely and intelligently employed.

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UNITED STATES OBJECTS TO INTERFERENCE WITH PARCEL POST SHIPMENTS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—The United States has protested to Great Britain against interference with parcel post shipments between this country and Sweden, Secretary Lansing announced today.

LOWELL WILLS FILED

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THE INDIANS "SCALPED"

BASKETBALL COMMENT

Northboro here tonight! Northboro tops Lowell in the league standing but Manager Lew avers a change will result after tonight's game.

The Shugue of Nashua will make his first appearance with the Lowell team tonight.

Lowell will probably present the following lineup: Luccino, rt.; Paul Clark, lf.; Multani, c.; McPherson and Pollanski, guards. Shugue will play some part of the game at a forward position.

Paddy McGowan, the clever little Y.M.C.A. forward may be out of the game for several weeks. He injured his side in recent practice games.

Ray Bourne, the former C.Y.M.L.

star has been signed up with the Belvoir quintet. When Bourne was going right he was one of the best forwards in the city.

Jimmy Grant continues to play a whirlwind game for the Franklin team. In last week's encounter Grant threw nine baskets and was the best floor worker in the New Hampshire quintet.

He'll be playing in the Central Massachusetts League again, or we miss our guess.

The game between the Shoe Workers and Oxfords of the Club league proved to be easy for the former team which had little or no difficulty in cleaning up the slate. Baker of the winning team was high man with a single of 135 and a triple of 320.

A team composed of local dentists just a quintet from Company K, but the military boys evidently know more about shooting at targets than at pins for the boys with the "ball" won two strings and the total.

The Harrisonia five started off badly but after the first string got into the running and took the two remaining strings and the total.

BROADWAY LEAGUE

Particulars

	1	2	3	Tots
Bancroft	73	77	78	228
Clancy	56	97	71	224
Sub.	88	55	92	235
Mellon	114	111	99	324
Driscoll	95	115	56	268
Totals	443	491	431	1365

Indians

	1	2	3	Tots
Kelly	59	88	74	221
Hodges	52	75	87	214
McGraw	44	71	73	228
Marcotte	46	58	87	233
Teague	89	27	56	222
Totals	406	426	429	1262

MERIMMACK LEAGUE

Particulars

	1	2	3	Tots
McGrail	81	83	79	246
Armitage	80	102	111	293
Meatello	57	58	58	173
Bullock	107	51	119	221
Totals	430	443	477	1320

COTTON DEPARTMENT

Particulars

	1	2	3	Tots
Bullock	51	102	103	256
Campbell	58	79	82	239
Postor	52	58	86	236
Fulerton	51	46	49	246
Plauton	102	89	103	300
Totals	447	451	459	1320

CLUB LEAGUE

Particulars

	1	2	3	Tots
Clint	84	102	72	258
Sale	84	85	103	272
MacPherson	108	65	103	276
Elley	29	58	56	283
German	113	57	89	289
Totals	478	458	451	1320

OXFORDS

Particulars

	1	2	3	Tots
Dr. Walter	56	82	89	227
Dr. Morris	55	81	77	233
McGraw	51	75	85	212
McGraw	51	55	56	222
Hayden	93	59	57	270
Totals	414	423	423	1260

THE DENTISTS

Particulars

	1	2	3	Tots
Dr. Walter	56	82	89	227
Dr. Morris	55	81	77	233
McGraw	51	75	85	212
McGraw	51	55	56	222
Hayden	93	59	57	270
Totals	414	423	423	1260

COMPANY K

Particulars

	1	2	3	Tots
Lient. Masters	72	82	91	245
Markland	81	103	86	272
Armitage	52	75	75	240
Lient. Cashin	77	72	68	213
Sergt. Knight	91	105	53	279
Totals	401	416	401	1251

HARRISONIA

Particulars

	1	2	3	Tots
Johnson	75	88	85	248
Emond	100	96	84	280
Bell	52	100	86	238
McGraw	50	55	56	161
Hayden	93	59	57	270
Totals	408	458	431	1297

LOWELL BLEACHERS

Particulars

	1	2	3	Tots
Ingalls	59	88	83	270
Belle	82	86	79	247
Dunn	63	87	86	238
Dodge	58	92	86	233
McNeil	82	82	81	245
Totals	416	437	412	1265

OPENERS

Particulars

	1	2	3	Tots
Murphy	75	101	91	273
Conway	83	91	99	271
Pearson	70	74	79	222
Rourke	57	52	56	165
Harrington	50	76	76	228
Totals	385	448	425	1261

CONVERGENTS

Particulars

	1	2	3	Tots
Faneuf	53	52	58	263
Sante	59	95	95	251
Murray	67	87	71	225
Saxton	70	85	77	232
Harrington	102	93	82	283
Totals	412	449	403	1261

FEEDERS

Particulars

	1	2	3	Tots
Faneuf	53	52	58	263
Sante	59	95	95	251
Murray	67	87	71	225
Saxton	70	85	77	232
Harrington	102	93	82	283
Totals	412	427	410	1319

BOWLING NOTES

Particulars

Proprietors of bowling alleys should send their scores to The Sun immediately after the games are rolled. Scores sent in a day late will not be published.

CRESCENT LEAGUE STANDING

Particulars

The Bantings are leading in the Crescent league race with a percentage of 112. Every man on the team has shown remarkable form since the beginning of the season. White holds the single and three-string records. His high single is 120 and he polled 233 for his three-string mark. The standing and total pinfall of the teams follow:

	Won	Lost	Tots
Bantings	12	3	607
Forrester	13	7	650
Columbians	10	8	625
Colts	4	5	500
Columbians	5	11	512
Colts	17	20	524
Shamrocks	1	11	537

CITY LEAGUE STANDING

Particulars

Concannon is rolling very consistently this season and his work has been instrumental in a good many of the Crescent quintet's victories. A large number of devotees of the sport would like to see another match game between Concannon and Kempton.

Steve Shellev, who has been a popular employee at the Crescent alleys for the past few seasons, will manage Billy Cawley's new alleys in Middlesex st. after the first of the new year. His many friends wish him success in his new position.

Eddie McCormack has been making them all sit up and take notice this season and he has put up a large number of good scores. McCormack is one of the best men in the city at all kinds of sport.

Gordon is leading the Crescent league with a mark of 108.

The Crescents and Kimball System teams are having a grand old time trying to negotiate first place in the City league. Both teams are deadlocked at the present time.

Tom Kelly, the Crescent bowler, will lead his team of single men against

an aggregation composed of beneficents at the Crescent alleys on Christmas morning. This will make the fifth annual meeting of the teams.

Chet Martel is rolling in old-time form and thus far none of his competitors has been able to oust him from first position in the City league standing. Martel's average at present is 109.24.

Kempton has been one of the sensations of the bowling alleys this season. The big fireman has hit the pins in great style for the White Way team and he has beaten two of the best bowlers in the City league in private match games. He should stack up against Martel.

WITH THE PADDED MITTS

Kay Sweeney the rugged New York fighter will appear at Thornton, R. I. tomorrow evening against Mike McTeague in a twelve rounder. McTeague is a sparring partner of Jim Conroy and is reported to be some bantam, having twenty-two knockouts to his credit in the few years he has been in the ring. He is sure to result if McTeague lives up to his record.

Two middleweights are to perform before the members of the Army club of Boston this evening in the person of George Chip of New Haven, Pa. and Frank Loughey of Philadelphia. These boxers have made excellent reputations in the ring during the past few years and a fast rugged contest is looked for by the sports. Chip is the betting favorite with 10 to 7 odds. A strong preliminary bill rounds out the entertainment.

Soldier Bartfield who lost the verdict to Mike Glover at Boston last week is around to the newspaper offices in Brooklyn with an affidavit for the showing he made. Here is the statement:

"I was snowbound for twenty-one hours, with nothing to eat and arrived in Boston only thirty minutes before I

The Sun goes into nearly every home in Lowell and vicinity. Merchants know that Sun readers respond to their advertisements.

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EXPOSITION STATEMENT

Board of Trade Report Shows a Balance of \$2.95—Receipts and Expenditures

The board of trade is mailing today to the exhibitors at the big industrial exposition at the Casino in November, a statement of the receipts and expenditures of the show.

The statement indicates that the board of trade committee conducted its portion of the exposition within the receipts. In fact a balance of \$2.95 was shown and this was credited to the board of trade treasury for postage stamps used. As a matter of record this probably covered the actual expense of the board of trade organization in the show.

To give the public an exactly accurate report it should be stated that after making up the accounts it was found that an expense of \$2 had been overlooked. When this was charged in the accounts it was found that the exposition had been conducted at a loss of just five cents and this was judiciously contributed at once by one of the largest exhibitors so that the accounts may remain exactly balancing.

The committee of the board of trade emphasizes, however, that the exhibitors not only expended the money represented in the accompanying statement but also spent hundreds of dollars on their own account in decorating their booths, placing their exhibits and giving away samples. It is gratifying to be able to report from the committee that not a few of the exhibitors found the exposition to be financially profitable to themselves and their companies. For instance it is understood that one piece of business came directly from the show and its value runs well into five figures. The committee feels that the exposition attained the results aimed at and that it was well worth carrying through on the scale attempted. The following is the report mailed to the exhibitors:

RECEIPTS

Rent of spaces.....\$1730.00

Paid admissions.....97.25

EXPENDITURES

Cleaning.....6.70

Entertainment.....600.00

Hall.....56.83

Insurance.....115.00

Labor.....100.00

Light and Wiring.....122.35

Music.....67.32

Office supplies.....425.00

Printing and postage.....13.53

Stamps.....12.00

Telephone.....76.55

.....16.00

.....1827.25

Robert F. Marden, Chairman,

J. H. Sawyer, Treasurer,

J. H. Murphy, Secretary.

A balance of \$2.95 remained, which was paid to the Lowell board of trade for stamps which accounts for expenses balancing receipts.

RECEIPTS

John Scholes.....\$ 50.00

Bigelow-Harford Carpet Co.50.00

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The Lancer Co.50.00

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Massachusetts Cotton Mills.50.00

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John Pilling Shoe Co.45.00

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E. W. Hoyt Co.55.00

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J. C. Meyer Co.55.00

Shaw Stocking Co.55.00

Knowles Sewing Works.55.00

A. G. Pollard Co.55.00

U. S. Perslaid Carpet Co.55.00

Stirling Mills.55.00

American Mason Safety Tread Co.55.00

Friend Brothers.55.00

Mus. Mohan's plush Co.55.00

The Lowell Sun.55.00

Whitall Manufacturing Co.55.00

Courier-Citizen Co.55.00

Lyon Carpet Co.55.00

Chelmsford Spring Co.55.00

J. D. Page Co.55.00

Lowell Laundry Co.55.00

Thiessell Loom Co.55.00

Nemocok Specialty Co.55.00

Buttfield Printing Co. and J. E. Conant & Co.55.00

J. P. P. Co.55.00

Barber Mfg. Co. and George W. Hart Co.55.00

Andrews & Co.55.00

Naomake Crate Co.55.00

J. F. Carroll & Co.55.00

Lowell Insulated Wire Co.55.00

New England Runting Co.55.00

M. Marks & Co.55.00

Mrs. Farris Apple Jelly.55.00

Lovell Polish Co.55.00

McGraw & W. Crawford.55.00

Braids' Bakery.55.00

Lowell Shuttle Co.55.00

Stanhope Mfg. Co.55.00

Hibbard & George.55.00

Bar Engraving Co.55.00

Economy Rugg Co.55.00

Wm. J. Andrews.55.00

Ideal Co.55.00

M. M. Lauer Co.55.00

Linden Hill Apary.55.00

Lowell Crayon Co.55.00

West End Spring Bed Co.55.00

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THE LOWELL SUN

LOWELL MASS. ~ TUESDAY DECEMBER 21 1915

The Sun prints the news of the world when it is news and only such news as is fit to print. It is a clean family newspaper.

PRICE ONE CENT

EXPOSITION STATEMENT

Board of Trade Report Shows a Balance of \$2.95—Receipts and Expenditures

The board of trade is mailing today to the exhibitors at the big industrial exposition at the Casino in November, a statement of the receipts and expenditures of the show.

The statement indicates that the board of trade committee conducted its portion of the exposition within the receipts. In fact a balance of \$2.95 was shown and this was credited to the board of trade treasury for postage stamps used. As a matter of record this probably covered the actual expense of the board of trade organization in the show.

To give the public an exactly accurate report it should be stated that after making up the accounts it was found that an expense of \$2 had been overlooked. When this was charged in the accounts it was found that the exposition had been conducted at a loss of just five cents and this was judiciously contributed at once by one of the largest exhibitors so that the accounts may remain exactly balancing.

The committee of the board of trade emphasizes, however, that the exhibitors not only expended the money represented in the accompanying statement but also spent hundreds of dollars on their own account in decorating their booths, placing their exhibits and giving away samples. It is gratifying to be able to report from the committee that not a few of the exhibitors found the exposition to be financially profitable to themselves and their companies. For instance it is understood that one piece of business came directly from the show and its value runs well into five figures. The committee feels that the exposition attained the results aimed at and that it was well worth carrying through on the scale attempted. The following is the report mailed to the exhibitors:

RECEIPTS

Rent of spaces.....\$1730.00

Paid admissions.....97.25

EXPENDITURES

Cleaning.....6.70

Entertainment.....600.00

Hall.....56.83

Insurance.....115.00

Labor.....100.00

Light and Wiring.....122.35

Music.....67.32

Office supplies.....425.00

Printing and postage.....13.53

Stamps.....12.00

Telephone.....76.55

.....16.00

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Robert F. Marden, Chairman,

J. H. Sawyer, Treasurer,

J. H. Murphy, Secretary.

A balance of \$2.95 remained, which was paid to the Lowell board of trade for stamps which accounts for expenses balancing receipts.

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Fair tonight; Wednesday generally fair; not much change in temperature.

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LOWELL MASS. TUESDAY DECEMBER 21 1915

PRICE ONE CENT

F. M. QUA ELECTED REGISTRAR OF VOTERS

Supt. Molloy Re-elected Library Trustee—School Dept. Asks for \$5000 to Piece Out

Commissioner Duncan sprang some- what of a surprise at the meeting of the city council today by moving that the council proceed to ballot for a registrar of voters to succeed Dr. James H. Rooney. It was thought that Fred H. Harrington had the pole in the race for registrar but when the votes were counted it was discovered that Francis M. Qua was the winner. Some of the wisseas question the legality of this election, claiming the time for electing a registrar had year had expired.

Another election had to do with public library trustee and Hugh J. Molloy, superintendent of schools, was re-elected.

The council voted to borrow \$100,000 of the \$700,000 originally contracted for in connection with the new high school, and a communication from the

school board asking for \$5000 to piece the school department out for the year, was referred to the commissioner of finance. Twelve traverse and one grand juror were drawn.

Personal Injury Claim

The claim of Mary E. Cooney, for bodily injuries including a compound fracture of left arm, alleged to have been occasioned by falling upon a defective way on Queen street on the morning of December 18, was referred to the city solicitor.

An order authorizing the Bay State Street Railway company to relocate and extend the location of its tracks in Lawrence street near Ames street, was read and adopted.

The usual order declaring the result of the city election was adopted.

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TO SUPPLY DIVESTUFFS WERE NEWSBOYS AGAIN

\$20,000 ASKED FOR INVESTIGA-
TIONS AND EXPERIMENTS BY
AGRICULTURAL DEPT.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—Department of agriculture plans for extending the weather observation service throughout the Caribbean region, for investigations into the utilization of domestic products in dyes, manufactures and fibre plants for binder twine, purposes are outlined in data just submitted to congress by Secretary Houston. The information was given in connection with estimates for appropriations in the next fiscal year for the agricultural service, amounting to \$30,000 being \$2,000,000 less than the current year's appropriation.

An appropriation of \$30,000 is asked for extending the Caribbean weather observations and an appropriation of \$1,000 is asked for fibre plant investigation.

Because of the scarcity of dyestuffs from Germany, an appropriation of \$20,000 is asked for investigation and experiments in the utilization for coloring of raw materials grown or produced in the United States.

Congress also is asked for \$15,000 for the collection and distribution of data on the supply, commercial movement, disposition and market prices of fruits and vegetables.

MAILING XMAS PACKAGES

DIRECTIONS FOR MAILING—RUSH
AT POSTOFFICE FROM NOW UN-
TIL CHRISTMAS

Mail your Christmas packages today. Wrap them securely. Address them. The Christmas rush at the local post office is now on. Postmaster John P. Meehan urges all patrons to mail their Christmas packages today so as to avoid congestion in the mails; to wrap them securely so as to insure their safe delivery and to address them plainly in order that they may be properly distributed. He has also requested every postal employee to put forth his best effort to handle this immense volume of mail matter which will be rushed so that it will reach all addresses before Christmas day.

It is very essential that the name of the sender be put on every package as the address may be torn, therefore making it necessary to return the parcel to the sender. "Do not open until Christmas" may also be written on packages.

A parcel post window has been opened near the money order window. Five automobiles and seven wagons were put to use this week to deliver the parcel post matter that comes into the local office. The parcel post rules this year allow patrons to send a package weighing 10 pounds within a distance of 150 miles and a package weighing 20 pounds and place it in the United States. This is more than in previous years.

Everything is being done at the office to handle the Christmas rush. Names are being drawn from the substitute list of carriers as is found necessary, four or five extra clerks have been put to work and the regular clerks are working overtime. So far the large amount of mail has been handled promptly.

It is important that patrons remember that all sub stations despatch parcel post matter, issue money orders and handle registered mail.

HALIFAX'S ON THE SQUARE

Santa Claus In
Our Window
It does your heart
good to see the chil-
dren when they get the
first glimpse of Santa
Claus. Bring yours
down to see him.

Four more shopping
days to Christmas.

Fountain Pens
IDEAL GIFTS
Waterman, Moore's, Conklin
\$1 to \$5
Please Anyone
J. A. McEvoy
OPTICIAN

J. C. Manseau
MEN'S WEAR
Cor. Merrimack and Hanover Sts.

**A Men's Store With
Its Christmas
Needs**

Anybody looking for a Xmas remembrance for a "him," can find here any number of Choice Haberdashery, appropriate and "just" the thing. We make the wants of men our study. In other words we are specialists in Men's Wear.

KAISER PLANS ATTACKS ON CALAIS AND EGYPT

Germany Preparing Gigantic Strokes in Hope of Ending War—The British Losses in Withdrawal From Gallipoli Were Three Men Wounded—Great Britain Has 1,250,000 Men in Various War Theatres—Russians Bombard Varna

LONDON, Dec. 21, 12:02 p. m.—The

Albanian port of Durazzo is said to be the latest objective of the Teutonic-Bulgarian campaign in the Balkans. Strong forces are believed to be marching across Albania in an effort to forestall Italian occupation of the coast.

In the meantime, there is no indication of the development of the central powers' offensive against the allies in Macedonia. On the contrary it is reported that the Bulgarians are entrenched themselves along the Serbo-Greek border.

Greece and Bulgaria Clash

The first concrete evidence of friction between Greeks and Bulgarians comes from Epirus, where Bulgarian troops and Greek forces, according to a British official statement today.

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German Success Announced

Berlin announces a success in the capture of a British sloop near Hulluch, southwest of Lille, the Germans holding the gain against British counter-attacks. Paris reports only nine operations, trench fighting, clashes between patrols and artillery engagements, the last on a diminished scale.

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Await Facts of Withdrawal

The British public is awaiting with intense interest details of the withdrawal of the army from the Suvla Bay and Anzac districts of Gallipoli peninsula. Newspaper comment shows mingled feelings of regret and relief.

This feeling of relief reflects the attitude of the British public toward the whole near eastern venture and confidence is increasing here that the fortunes of the allies in this region will begin to improve.

SUMMARY OF TODAY'S NEWS

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STRIKE AT CHICAGO MUNITIONS PLANT

Official Hears of Plot to Force
Strike at Sturgess and Burn
Company Plant

CHICAGO, Dec. 21.—The strike of some of the employees of the Sturgess & Burn Co., which is manufacturing cartridge cases at Melrose Park, Ill., went into effect today. The men were said to have asked for shorter hours, increased pay for overtime. Company officials said that only 25 out of 175 employees left their work.

Late in the day Hinton C. Clabaugh,

division superintendent of the bureau of investigation of the department of justice, said that a complaint had been made to his office, alleging that there was a plot to force a strike at the Sturgess & Burn plant to hinder the manufacture of munitions material. Mr. Clabaugh said the complaint was not sufficiently tangible to work on, but that if a complaint were presented supported by reasonable evidence an inquiry would be made.

RECALLED FROM FRANCE

GEN. ROBERTSON TO BE CHIEF
OF IMPERIAL STAFF OF HEAD-
QUARTERS IN LONDON

LONDON, Dec. 21, 4:10 p. m.—Premier Asquith announced in the house of commons today that Lieutenant-General Sir William R. Robertson, chief of the general staff, had been recalled from France to become chief of the Imperial staff at army headquarters in London in place of Lieutenant-General Sir Archibald Murray, who was about to receive an important command.

GEN. HAMILTON IN LONDON

LONDON, Dec. 21.—Sir Ian Hamilton is not returning to the command in the near east. If any other duties are assigned him, announcement will be made in due course.

This was the enigmatical reply of Premier Asquith in the house of commons today to Sir Edwin Andrew Cornwall, who desired to learn what was to be the disposition made of the general who formerly was in command of the expeditionary force at the Dardanelles.

ARRESTED LARGE COLLIE

OFFICER CONSIDINE TOOK IN A
DOG FOR BLOCKING UP THE
SIDEWALK

A large collie dog was taken in tow by Officer Joe Conidine early this afternoon and taken to the police station. At headquarters the animal was probably looked with blocking the sidewalk and refusing to move when ordered to do so by the officer.

The animal was found lying on the sidewalk in Central street in front of the Hauseon hotel shortly after 2:30 o'clock. It appeared to be very tired and refused to be budged from its comfortable position despite the pleadings of a number of persons in the large crowd which gathered around. Some said the dog was struck by an automobile while others said it was run over by the wheels of a wagon. No one in the crowd, however, seemed to know just what was the trouble with the animal.

Officer Conidine tried to lift the dog to its legs but it refused to stand up. Finally the policeman procured a rope and tied it around the animal's head. He then started pulling and the dog slowly regained its legs and ambled along slowly after the officer. It was led to the station.

TO SUBSTITUTE FOR WELSH

AKRON, O., Dec. 21.—Jack Britton of Chicago will substitute for Freddie Welsh, world's lightweight champion, Dec. 23 against Johnny Griffiths. They will box 12 rounds at catch-weights.

STEAMER SIGNALLED

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—Signaled Steamer United States, Copenhagen for New York 1990 miles from New York. Will dock 8:30 a. m. Monday.

If you want help at home or in your business, try The Sun "Want" column.

D. L. Page Co. WILL CLOSE

Store and

ARREST OF YOUNG TUCKER

BURBERRY OF NELSON STORE FIRST DISCOVERED IN HAVERHILL WHERE YOUTH WAS ARRESTED

The Haverhill Gazette of Monday gives the following account of how young Tucker, who robbed the cash registers of the Nelson store in this city last week was arrested in Haverhill by Officer McKenna of that city: "Captured in a Winter street lodging house less than 24 hours after the cash registers of the Nelson 5 and 10 cent store at Middle and Central streets, Lowell, had been ransacked, Herbert Tucker, 17 years old, of Lowell, was arrested last night by Patrolman Herman O. McKenna after a clever bit of work by the Haverhill officer, and charged with the crime."

Tucker was taken to Lowell last night by officers from the Spindle City and will be held for a thorough investigation before arraignment in the Lowell district court on charges of larceny. McKenna captured the youth and secured the full story of the alleged store robbery before the break had been reported to the Lowell authorities.

Young Tucker, it is charged, went into the store of T. W. Kelley, a Winter street newsdealer, yesterday morning and priced several articles, but Kelley refused to sell them on Sunday, telling the youth to return today. Kelley's suspicions were aroused by the display of a large amount of change by the young man.

He asked Tucker to give him his name and address, and Tucker complied, saying he would be back today to buy a guitar which he said he wanted for a Christmas gift. He told Kelley he lived in Morse block on Locust street.

The newsdealer's store was broken into recently and last night he communicated his suspicions to Patrolman McKenna, who immediately began a search for Tucker. The Lowell boy was not known to any of the 12 families living in the Morse block and although the policeman scoured the neighborhood he was unable to find any trace of his man.

Late in the evening, McKenna finally secured a tip that a strange youth was rooming on Winter street in a well known and respectable lodging house. He investigated and found Tucker in his room.

There was a new dress suit case apparently belonging with his belongings and McKenna asked Tucker to open it. The boy refused, saying there was nothing in it but money. McKenna insisted and after grilling Tucker for some time the boy broke down and confessed to the Nelson store robbery in Lowell, the police say.

McKenna says Tucker told him he was employed in the store and Saturday night at the close of the day's business hid behind a counter until the clerks were out of the store. Then he made the rounds of the cash registers and abstracted their contents, putting the entire amount in a large canvas money bag which he had in the suit case. In this the Haverhill patrolman found \$30 in bills and \$25.75 in dimes, nickels and pennies.

In addition there were three shirts, eight pairs of socks, a dozen neckties, two flashlights, and several toys and knock-knocks which he had apparently picked up in his travels through the store while collecting the money. After filling the suit case, Tucker said he made his escape through a basement door, which was locked and bolted.

McKenna added \$2 more to the total amount when he learned of a restaurant where the boy had purchased a meal ticket. Tucker told the police he walked for some distance toward Haverhill Saturday night and then came to this city on the first car yesterday morning. When he first talked with Kelly, Tucker said he lived in Manchester, N. H., but later admitted to the police that he hailed from Lowell.

The Lowell authorities were notified and the news of Tucker's arrest was the first intimation they received of the break.

Y.M.C.A. CHRISTMAS

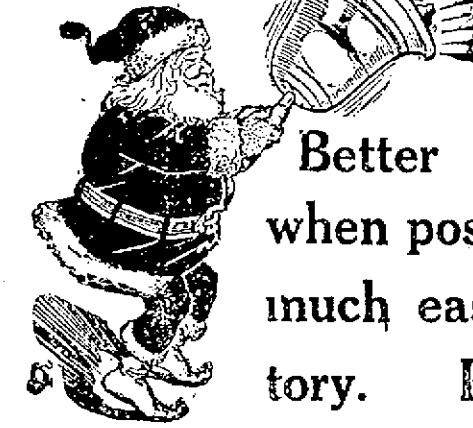
The annual Christmas tree and Old Home day celebration will be held at the well appointed quarters of the Y.M.C.A. in Stackpole street next Saturday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

The tree and the Old Home day idea originated with the late Edward F. Shen who promoted the first celebration at the rooms seven years ago. Since that time it has been held every year resulting in a very large attendance every Christmas afternoon. Members and friends—many old members and large numbers from out-of-town invariably gather around on this day and talk over old times as one of

the critical condition of the coal market and the shortage at this time is said to be due directly to the war. Owing to the hundreds of men taken from the mines by the foreign governments for the belligerent armies and the large amount of coal being shipped from this country to European countries, the United States is more than 6,000,000 tons short for home consumption.

There is a shortage of about a quarter of a million tons at the port of Boston, declare the dealers. This, they claim, is also caused by the transportation companies booking their ships for European ports, where they can collect almost the price of a

OPEN EVENINGS UNTIL XMAS



BUT

Better shop early in the day when possible. You will find it much easier and more satisfactory. However we will do our best to serve you properly at any time.

SENSIBLE SUGGESTIONS

BASEMENT

Cut Glass
Victrolas
Grottoes
Silverware
Hand Painted China
Brle-a-Brac
Dinner Sets
Mahogany Trays
Victor Records
Columbia Records
Water Sets
Cut Glass Vases

STREET FLOOR

Wool Patterns
Plain and Fancy Silks
Gloves
Fancy Garments
Men's Goods
Women's Neckwear
Laces
Corset Cover Patterns
Silk Hosiery
Ribbons
House Articles
Perfumes
Toilet Sets
Manure Sets
Corsets
Ostrich Feathers
Fancy Stationery
Hobby Heads
Prayer Books
Bibles
Mexican Work

SECOND FLOOR

Cut Work
Drawn Work
Battenberg
Dish Cloth
Jewelry
Umbrellas
Men's Neckwear
Fancy Handkerchiefs
Men's Bath Robes
Men's Silk Hose
Fancy Belts
Fancy Blankets
Silk Down Pillows
Tray Cloths
Drapes
Embroidered Pillow Cases

FACING COAL FAMINE

BIG SHORTAGE IN NEW ENGLAND DUE TO THE EUROPEAN WAR—WORSE THAN IN 1907

BOSTON, Dec. 21.—New England is today facing a coal famine which threatens to eclipse the proportions reached in the big coal strike in 1907. This is the unanimous opinion of the leading coal dealers in this city.

The critical condition of the coal market and the shortage at this time is said to be due directly to the war. Owing to the hundreds of men taken from the mines by the foreign governments for the belligerent armies and the large amount of coal being shipped from this country to European countries, the United States is more than 6,000,000 tons short for home consumption.

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new vessel in freight charges.

Under normal conditions the coal men say this condition could easily be cared for by the railroads, but they, too, are unable to help the situation.

The unprecedented prosperous times brought on by the extra business in munitions and army supply factories all over the country have had a serious effect on the railroads.

Cars for the shipment of coal from the mines are not only unavailable but in many instances there are many miles of coal laden cars entirely blocked by the tons of steel, copper, lead and other material waiting for shipment to Europe. All this trouble is at the present time confined to the Chesapeake & Ohio railroad, Edgar Bunker, W. W. Campbell and Victor H. Tulane.

HAIG, NEW HEAD OF BRITONS IN FRANCE, PROMINENT SINCE WAR BEGAN



General Sir DOUGLAS HAIG - ***

General Sir Douglas Haig, successor of Field Marshal Sir John French, in command of the British forces in France, has played a prominent part in most of the chief operations of the British army in the present war—in the retreat from Mons, on the Aisne, at Ypres and at Neuve Chapelle. On such occasions he received most generous praise in the official reports of Sir John French. At Mons General Haig commanded the First Corps, which constituted the right wing of the British army. In his report on the rear guard action after Mons, the commander-in-chief gave special credit to Sir Douglas Haig for saving his corps when it was in a dangerous position at the night of Sept. 25.

General Haig began his military career with the Seventh Hussars in 1855 and served in India. As Major Haig he was adj't of staff to Colonel French in a brilliant series of minor operations around Coochberg, in South Africa. He had experience at the war office, where he was director of military training, and in India, where he was chief of the general staff to General Kitchener's successor. Before the war Sir Douglas Haig had never commanded in action a larger body than a regiment. Sir Douglas Haig was, then forty-four years ago. He is the youngest son of John Haig, justice of the peace of Cameronbridge, in Scotland.

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BOY SCOUT MOVEMENT

SCOUT COMMISSIONER FAULKNER ORGANIZES CAMPAIGN FOR INCREASED MEMBERSHIP

Employe of Locks and Canals Victim of Gas Poisoning

Lying across a bed in a room at 9 in the rear of 100 Tilden street, the body of Prosper Germain, an employee of Locks and Canals Corp., was found by Police Agent Duncan shortly after 8 o'clock last evening. Examiner Meltz viewed the remains and pronounced death due to gas poisoning, believed to be accidental.

Several weeks ago Germain hired the room in which he was found dead at the house of Sam Cote. He was last seen Sunday night when he appeared to be in good health. Last evening there was a strong odor of gas in the building and occupants of adjoining rooms notified the police. Agent Duncan smashed the door open and discovered the man, but life was extinct.

An examination showed that a tube connecting a stove with a gas jet had become disconnected, allowing the gas to escape freely. Germain had probably been dead for several hours. Deceased is survived by a wife and two children.

WOMEN VOTE ON LICENSE

EXTENSION OF SUFFRAGE PROVIDED IN BILL FILED BY REP. MARTIN

BOSTON, Dec. 21.—Provision is made for the authorizing of women to vote on the question of licensing the sale of intoxicating liquors in cities and towns of this state. In a bill filed with the clerk of the house of representatives by Representative Robert E. Martin of this city.

Representative Cummings of Dorchester filed a bill on the portion of James B. Hayes of Dorchester providing that the consent of a wife to an assignment of wages must be acknowledged in person.

Two bills were filed by Representative Butler of Lawrence, one providing that all employees of Massachusetts public institutions must be residents of this state; another that pines to public institutions in excess of \$200 shall be paid by an issue of bonds, and a third that persons residing within 15 miles of a boundary line of Massachusetts may operate autos not more than 15 miles from the boundary line upon payment of a fee of \$2 for license.

SCHOONER LOST; CREW SAVED

ROCKLAND, Me., Dec. 21.—The loss of the 30-ton three-masted schooner Tarratine of Maccoris, San Domingo, was reported in a cablegram from Capt. Alon R. Outlaw of the vessel received by her owners here yesterday. The schooner ran aground. All of the crew were saved. The Tarratine, which was built here in 1912, was bound from New York for Maccoris with a deck load of flat cars and a general cargo.

GREEKS FIRED ON FRENCH

PARIS, Dec. 21. (By wireless to French)—The overseas news agency today gave out the following info:

According to the Frankfurter Zeitung the Greeks while withdrawing a majority of their troops from Salonika, from York, Kirklar, which dominates the town, in spite of repeated French requests that they hand the fort over. Last Friday a strong French patrol approached the fort and did not halt at the sentry's call, whenupon the Greeks opened fire and the French fled.

DEAD IN HIS ROOM

BOY SCOUT MOVEMENT

three miles outside of this city. With two companions he went into camp on Thursday night and he left the camp early Friday. He was not seen again until searchers came upon the body in the snow. Death was evidently due to exposure.



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LEWIS, SENSATIONAL ENGLISH FIGHTER, TO TEST HIS SKILL AGAINST RITCHIE



TED LEWIS

Much interest is being taken in the coming ten round bout between Ted Lewis, the sensational English welterweight, and Willie Ritchie, the former lightweight champion. According to many experts, Lewis is the greatest fighter of his weight that England has produced in many years. Jimmy Johnson, his manager, says Ted is in a class by himself as a fighter and that Willie Ritchie will experience the sensation of being knocked out. On the other hand, Ritchie says that Lewis is just human and that he should add another victory to his already long list.

GEN. VILLA LOST

Whereabouts Unknown to Officials — Believed to Be Near Border

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—Official advices failed today to disclose the exact whereabouts of General Francisco Villa, but a report from General Pershing at El Paso, indicated that Villa was on his way from Chihuahua to the border. General Pershing reported that, according to the best information available, Villa had about 400 men with him.

The belief prevailed that Villa would appear on this side of the boundary line.

BELIEVE REVOLUTION ENDED

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—Americans having commercial interests in Mexico are preparing to resume the operation of their properties there in the belief that the revolution headed by General Villa is ended. Engineers already have been sent to Mexico by the Mines company of America, which operates gold and silver mines in northern Mexico. The Monterrey smelter of the American Smelting & Refining company is said to be intact and can be made ready to operate again by the first of the year. Plans are being made to resume operations of the Mi-

ra mine in Chihuahua within a short time, it is said.

It was intimated today that the rehabilitation of the National railways of Mexico will begin not before the end of February.

Before New York bankers advance funds for re-financing, the Mexican government may have to demonstrate that it can pay its debts. The exchange rate between Mexico and the United States is now in the ratio of 14 to 1 against Mexico.

RAIDS BY YAQUI INDIANS

GUAYMAS, Mex., Dec. 20. (By radio to San Diego, Cal.)—Yaqui Indians have again begun raids on the American settlement at San Pedro and have attacked the Richard Construction company's experimental station there, according to a despatch received here today by the American consul from settlers in the region.

Acting upon urgent orders of Gen. Obregon, 600 Carranza cavalrymen have started from Esperanza and should reach the scene late tonight, while 1000 troops who left Magdalena should reach there tomorrow.

NOT LEGAL INVESTMENTS

BANK COMMISSIONER'S RULING ON PURCHASE OF ANGLO-FRENCH BONDS

BOSTON, Dec. 21.—Bank Commissioner Thorndike ruled today that the Anglo-French five per cent bonds are not legal investments for trust companies of Massachusetts. A few trust companies, which held a small part of the \$60,000,000 issue, will dispose of their holdings immediately. It was

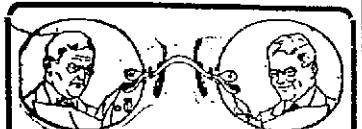
ALLOWED BABY TO DIE

DR. HAISELDEN OF CHICAGO MAY BE BROUGHT BEFORE THE GRAND JURY

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Dec. 21.—Attorney General Lucey, in a letter today to Macay Hoyne, state's attorney of Cook county, asked that Dr. Harry J. Haiseden, who allowed the defective Bollinger baby to die in the German-American hospital in Chicago, Nov. 17, be brought before the grand jury for investigation and indicted if he is amenable to the criminal laws of the state.

Dowager Queen Alexandra, of Great Britain, is 71 years of age, but still retains the figure of youth, which she attributes to refraining from red meats, sweets and wines.

Miss Laura Taylor owns an eighty-acre farm in Cleveland county, Oklahoma, where she specializes in hogs and hens. While she does not do the actual labor on the farm, she is head of the project in every sense of the word, planning, directing and overseeing the work.



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CITY HALL NEWS
Continued

Reports on several petitions by the Lowell Electric Light corporation for additional wire attachments were read and the orders accompanying the reports were adopted.

The petition of the water works department for a garage in its yard in Hampshire street was referred to Commissioner Carmichael and Fire Chief Saunders.

The petition of the Hamilton Mfg. Co. for an electric light on Jackson street, near corner of Webster street, was referred to Mr. Morse.

The petition of Charles Hamel, that a sewer he laid in Riverby street from Lakeview avenue was referred to Mr. Morse.

The American Hide and Leather Co. petitioned for a permit to keep gasoline in a tank of 150 gallons capacity buried in the ground in Alton street. The petition was referred to Commissioner Carmichael and Fire Chief Saunders.

The petition of the Bay State Street Railway company and the Lowell Electric Light corporation for a point pole location on Chelmsford street near Short street, east side, was read and a hearing ordered for Jan. 4 at 11 a. m.

Sidewalks and Sewers

Orders for sidewalk assessments were read and assessments confirmed.

There was some question as to sewer assessments. Mr. Putnam claimed that all property should be assessed. The point in question had to do with Sheldon and Bellevue streets and Mr. Morse said an abutter ought not to be charged for a few feet of the land that is not utilized, while the usual assessment has been paid. Mr. Putnam's point was that the assessment should include all of the property; that it was not the city's business if any of the property was not utilized. Action in the matter was postponed.

Drawing of Juries

The following jurors to serve at the superior court for civil business to be held at Cambridge on the first Monday of January, were drawn by Commissioner Morse:

William E. Neffagh, 390 Beacon street, carpenter; James Ashworth, 137 Stackpole street, gentleman; Alvin Gloton, 14 Spaulding street, insurance; Arthur T. Safford, 31 Talbot street, engineer; James J. Kennedy, 8 Stevens street, retired.

Harry M. Bellamy, 38 Dunfee street, machinist.

The following jurors to serve at the superior court for criminal business to be held at Cambridge on the first Monday of January were drawn by Commissioner Carmichael:

William H. Blodgett, 5 Lamb, carpenter; Horace P. Beals, 84 Marlborough street, concrete business; John J. Chin, 134 Fort Hill avenue, jeweler and optician; Samuel J. Bernier, 32 Bondale avenue, clerk; Arthur L. Roberts, 73 Jenness street, bookkeeper; Charles C. Bourret, 910 Parkview avenue, master plumber.

The following grand juror was drawn by Commissioner Putnam:

Frank M. Brennan, 160 Agawam street, brakeman.

Borrow \$100,000

An order to borrow the principal sum of \$100,000 for the purpose of purchasing or otherwise acquiring land and of constructing a high school was read and adopted, the money being part of the \$700,000 borrowed and enacted by chapter 375 of the acts of 1915. The order had the emergency clause attached. The money will be transferred from the city treasury and placed to the credit of an appropriation designated and called "An appropriation for the purpose of purchasing and otherwise acquiring land and constructing a high school building or buildings thereon and equipping the same."

School Board Wants \$5000

A communication from the school committee containing a request for \$5000 with which to piece out the year, was referred to the commissioner of finance.

A transfer of \$3712.27 from the filtration plant to the water department appropriation was voted.

Selection of Registrars

On motion of Commissioner Duncan the council proceeded to the election of a registrar of voters for the unexpired term of James H. Rooney, the latter being a holdover since February. Francis M. Qua was elected. Mr. Qua received the votes of Carmichael, Duncan and Putnam. The mayor and Commissioner Morse voted for Fred H. Harrison.

The mayor moved that the council proceed to ballot for public library trustee, the term of Hugh J. Molloy, superintendent of schools, having expired. Mr. Molloy was re-elected unanimously.

Commissioner Putnam was authorized to contract for steel filing cases for city hall, the amount not to exceed \$149.

At 12:15 the council took a recess till one o'clock.

The City Physician

The council, during recess, discussed the city physician's request for an increase in salary. Dr. M. A. Tighe has been city physician since December, 1911, and has given excellent service. The doctor claims that the work in connection with the position of city physician has increased at least two-fold since he took office.

He points to the extra duties involved by the workmen's compensation act. Under this act the city physician must pass on all cases of injury to persons in the employ of the city, indicating when they are able to resume their employment, and if necessary to substantiate that opinion for the industrial accident board, if the case in point should go that far. These hearings generally consume a whole morning and the city physician must remain throughout the hearing. It can be readily understood why the work might not be very popular and why it might even injure a physician's private business.

The work has also increased at the police station by reason of the principle that the city physician has enunciated to those in charge at the station to the effect that they should not wait in a given case until they are absolutely sure that a man is ill, but at the slightest doubt of a man's condition they should call the city physician so that they may be absolutely sure that no injustice will be done to anyone. This brings the city physician to the station many times unnecessarily, but he feels that it would be better to be called 100 times unnecessarily than that one case should suffer from the lack of his services.

The city physician's work at the Chelmsford Street hospital calls him there every day. Sometimes he has to make two visits and even three on the same day. He does all the work at this institution, the inmates of which seldom get much below the 500 mark. He is on duty day and night subject to call to this institution and also to the police station. The city of Lowell has increased in size and population and

as a result, the number of dependents has also increased, which means more work for the city physician.

The present salary of the city physician is \$700 a year and it was stated today that there had been no increase in the salary in 40 years. Dr. Tighe asked for an increase of \$500, making the salary \$1200 a year.

The doctor also pointed out that in connection with his work at the police station he is obliged to stay early and late and is subject to calls at all times. He also does the medical legal work in the lower court, being called upon frequently to present the medical aspect of certain situations that the court may be enabled to decide as to their proper disposition. When this work comes, it consumes considerable time in determining true conditions and also sitting about the court room waiting for the case or cases to be called.

Action on the increase asked for by Dr. Tighe will be taken at a future meeting.

For Power and Heat

The very important question of furnishing power for the vocational school and heating and lighting the entire group of buildings, was discussed with John A. Stevens, mechanical engineer. No definite action was taken.

The council reconvened at 1:35 and a motion was made to have a group picture of the first city council under the commission form of government placed in city hall.

The plans for the new high school were arranged in the aldermanic chamber today for public inspection per order of Commissioner Putnam.

A movement is on foot to have a group picture of the first city council under the commission form of government placed in city hall.

Some of the fellows who got their bumps at the recent city election are now out for a change in charter. Any thing to save a neck.

Some of the old "bastards" think they would have a better chance for a "comeback" under something similar to the old form of government.

Commissioner Putnam announced today that parties would come to Lowell tomorrow to figure on razing the buildings in Kirk and Anne streets that must give way to the new high school.

CITY HALL NOTES

Commissioner Putnam announced today the official appointment of Francis P. Cogger as elevator inspector to succeed the late Thomas F. Carey. Mr. Cogger, who has been in the employ

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through the process in New York state, the case of Gilson has been postponed until Thursday. Unless something unforeseen happens the New York authorities will turn the veteran over to Sgt. Petrie immediately after the court session and the return trip will be made Thursday afternoon.

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Silk Suits, \$1, \$1.50, \$2 and \$3
Cotton Underwear, \$3c, \$4c and \$8c
Kid Gloves, lined and unlined, \$1.00, \$1.15 and \$1.50
Mocha Gloves, silk lined, \$1, \$1.15, \$1.50, \$2.00
Wool Gloves, 25c and 50c

Wool Underwear, \$48c, \$1.48 and \$1.98
Silk Suits, 25c and 45c
Kid Gloves, .75c and \$1
Mocha Gloves, .75c and \$1.50
Wool Gloves, .75c and \$1.50

Wool Underwear, \$1.48 and \$1.98
Silk Suits, 25c and 45c
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Wool

LOST BOTH LEGS

Harry Saxon in Gardner Hospital—Run Over by Train

Harry Saxon, a former well known local man, is at the Heywood Memorial hospital, Gardner, with both legs amputated as a result of being run over by a freight train in Gardner early one morning last week. Physicians state that his recovery is expected.

Mr. Saxon is 27 years old. For a number of years he lived at 583 Gardner street, this city, and made many friends here. He came here from Lawrence, and a few years ago moved to Fitchburg, where he now resides. While living in Lowell Mr. Saxon worked at the granite works in Westford.

Last week Saxon and a number of other Fitchburg men went to Gardner to attend a meeting of the striking moulder there. The meeting lasted so long that they missed the last train back to Fitchburg. The party was anxious to return immediately and it was decided to go back on a freight train that passed through Gardner. The other men boarded the train but Saxon missed his footing and fell under the wheels. He was rushed to the hospital, where it was found necessary to amputate both legs.

SERB REFUGEES AT ROME

LARGE NUMBERS OF ALL CLASSES ARRIVING FROM ITALIAN PORTS

ROME, Dec. 21.—Large numbers of Serbian refugees of all classes, including former cabinet ministers, deputies, writers and artists, are arriving here from the Italian ports of Barletta, Brindisi, Messina and Catania. King Peter was expected to reach here during the night.

It is asserted that although the Serbian monarch was almost prostrated, he desired to go to the front to meet King Victor Emmanuel and express to the latter the gratitude of the Serbian nation for Italy's sympathy, hospitality and assistance by means of which, together with the support of the other allies, the Serbians hope to reconquer their country and "dictate the conditions of peace from Sola."

All the Serbians arriving here agree that their ruin was due chiefly to the insistence of the entente allies that they wait for diplomatic negotiations instead of attacking Bulgaria before the latter was ready.

Officers of the Serbian state express the opinion that the situation might still have been saved if one army composed of entente troops had arrived in time to assist the Serbians at Vranya, as the Serbian army, although outnumbered, fought magnificently. This they say is proved by the fact that the Serbians, although withdrawing, made 76,000 prisoners, including 600 officers, half of whom died of typhoid fever during the retreat.

AMUSEMENT NOTES

OPERA HOUSE

The Emerson Players at the Opera House are this week producing the farce play from the pen of Augustus Thomas and Clayton Hamilton, entitled "The Big Idea," which is also known to many as "Wanted \$2,000." The play is being produced under the personal direction of Frank Wright and is proving quite a drawing card, if one is to judge by the large audience.



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The Hammett Duo, dancers, exemplify the latest dance movements and steps in most graceful manner.

The Three Frogs are novelty pantomimists and acrobats whose act is up to the minute and includes a whirling top.

Robinson and McShane, black face singers and talkers have a lot of lively patter and some good songs.

The Hearst-Selig News Pictorial presents some brand new views from Europe and this country. Good seats in the lobby next may be secured in advance by telephone. Patrons are advised to order their seats for both Christmas day performances as early as possible and avoid disappointment.

MERRIMACK SQUARE THEATRE

Fanny Ward, the actress, with some many sides to her versatility appeared at her best yesterday afternoon and evening at the Merrimack Square theatre in the five-act Paramount picture,

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PROMINENT STATESMEN OF AUSTRIA-HUNGARY IN CONFERENCE



BARON BURIAN (upper)
COUNT TISZA

Two of the most prominent statesmen of Austria-Hungary, men who are concerned with the settlement of the controversy over the Anconia sinking, are shown in the accompanying pictures. The upper is Baron Burian, minister of foreign affairs of the Austria-Hungarian empire. The lower is Count Tisza, who is prime minister of Hungary. There have been conferences by these two men and other Austria-Hungarian statesmen.

takes up the fight, and swears to avenge the death of the father. First episode Wednesday and Thursday. Antenuus will appear tonight.

OWL THEATRE

"Rosemary," a five-reel Metro feature film based upon the famous play of the same name, will be the attraction at the Owl theatre today. Playing the lead in this delightful romances of youth and old age are two of the most popular stars of the silent drama, Marguerite, Senn and Paul Gilmore. Many other excellent dramas and a good comedy will also be presented at the Owl theatre today.

JEWEL THEATRE

With the stars and immense cast of supporting actors, "Graft," the new series-serial, which has been booked for showing at the Jewel theatre for the next 16 weeks on Wednesdays and Thursdays, has behind it the biggest company that ever worked in any series-serial. The cast was chosen for its skill and ability. At the present time, with its immense throng of over 1,200 people, the cream of the talent of the film world was drawn upon for the production of this serial masterpiece. Instructions were given to the director to produce a "hit" and spare no expense. The result is a most remarkable, most unique, most gripping, the most entertaining series-serial that has ever been shown. Jane Novak and Hobart Henley are to be starred. The story opens with the death of a district attorney, who has waged war against a gigantic vice trust. The son

BOMBARD Varna

Russian Expedition Arrives Off the Bulgarian Coast

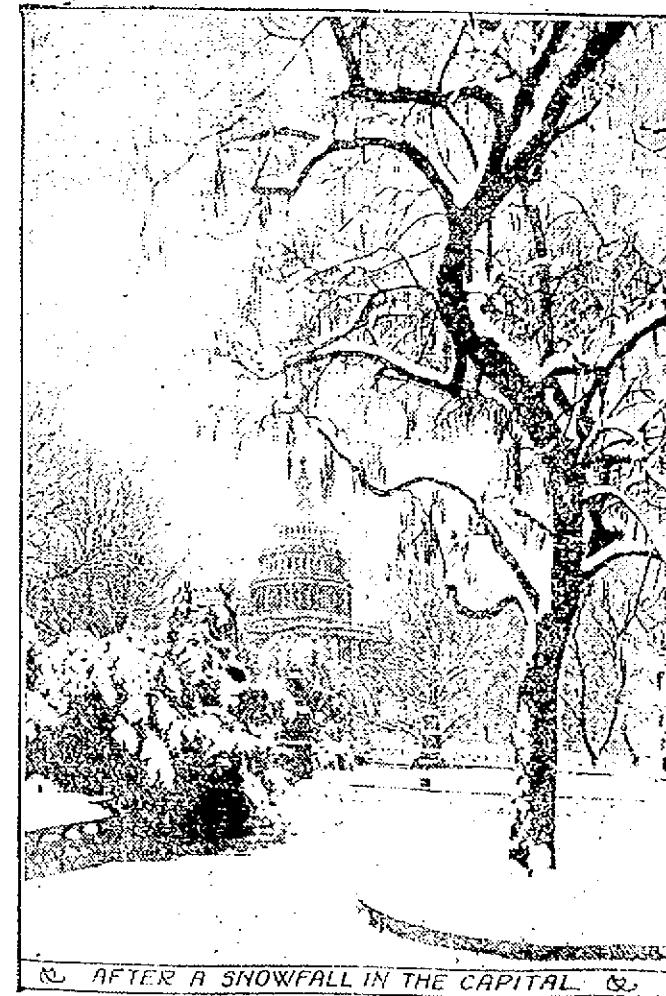
LONDON, Dec. 21, 12:57 p. m.—Arrival of a Russian expedition off the Bulgarian coast is reported by the Athens correspondent of the Exchange Telegraph Co. He says:

"A Russian cruiser and two destroyers which are conveying 16 transports filled with troops, have arrived off the Bulgarian coast and are bombarding

Varna vigorously."

The Bulgarian port of Varna is on

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the Black sea, a few miles south of the Romanian border. It is a railroad terminus. This city and Burgas, 50 miles further south, are the principal Bulgarian Black sea ports.

On several occasions since the beginning of the Teutonic drive through Serbia it has been reported that the Russians would attempt an invasion of Bulgaria from the sea, and it was said forces were being concentrated for this purpose at Odessa. Previous despatches reporting Russian naval demonstrations before Varna or Burgas, presum-

ably preparatory to an effort to land troops were not borne out subsequently.

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Tinker toys 50¢
Perfume Atomizers, 49¢ to \$2.98
Mama Dolls.....59¢, 99¢
Teddy Bears.....25¢ to \$7.49



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While our space isn't as large as we wish, we give you prompt and efficient service, with 22 bright young men to serve you from a stock that is larger by far than any other in this section and absolutely up-to-date in every respect. At every price the best value.

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NEW ASPECTS OF THE WAR

It is evident that the powers involved in the European war are to change their tactics to other lines that may prove more conclusive. England has withdrawn her troops from the Gallipoli peninsula after a very foolish and expensive attempt to force the Dardanelles. The landing upon the peninsula in the first place was ordered as a result of clamor and political pressure in London. It was one of the worst blunders that England made during the entire war. Whole regiments were sacrificed in attempting a landing. Several of the best ships of the British navy were sunk and practically nothing was accomplished except to hold Turkish forces on the peninsula. These forces could not have done half as much harm anywhere else. The British troops were ordered to land and march against the fortresses which are among the strongest in Europe. The celebrated charge of the Light Brigade wasn't a circumstance to the struggle at Seddul-Bahr, Smyla Bay and other points along the peninsula.

England now needs the troops at some other point, probably to defend Egypt and the Suez canal which, according to reports, will be the next object of attack by the Turkish forces led by German generals.

There is a rumor that Germany may attempt to invade England; but of that there is not the slightest probability. Another raid may be made upon the coast of England or of Scotland, but we do not believe Germany would dare attempt to land an armed force in England. She could not do so with any hope of success.

It seems that Germany has ceased offensive movements with her own soldiers and that she is now using the Austrians, the Bulgarians and the Turks for the more serious attacks upon the allies. Italy has already one million men in the field and is preparing to add another million. It is not likely that any force that can be sent by Turkey to attack Egypt will be able to make an effective advance. Rather than permit any damage to the Suez canal or any invasion of Egypt the allies would withdraw their troops from Saloniki and throw them against the Turks in defense of Egypt and the canal and along the Mesopotamian front. Russia has not done much recently except in driving the Germans back from the Riga district, but she is preparing for a campaign in the Balkans in which the Bulgarians are likely to get more than they bargained for.

It appears from recent developments that the war is not likely to end until a great deal more territory shall have been laid waste and other millions of men slaughtered. It is quite probable that the war will continue for another year at least. Earl Kitchener seems to have made a good guess when he said the war would last for three years. The allies will have to crush all the vassal states fighting on the side of the central powers before they can finally vanquish Germany, which they have agreed is the only method by which world peace can be secured.

AUSTRIA'S TART REPLY

The Austrian reply to the American note on the sinking of the *Ancon*, on which American citizens were lost, is couched in all the formality of the studied diplomacy of Europe. It is certainly an able document considering the fact that Austria has practically not a leg to stand on in the premises.

Still with a show of injured innocence, she demands from the United States a bill of particulars, as it were, or a precise statement of the circumstances upon which it bases its case. The reply, although evidently raising objections for the sole purpose of causing delay, makes certain requests that must be met by our government before taking final action. They are such objections as an ingenious lawyer for the defense would raise to embarrass the plaintiff in any judicial trial. The chief aim of the Austrian government seems to be, to find out what evidence our government possesses as to the facts in the case and to insist upon all the formalities of diplomatic procedure before reaching a conclusion. For example, the Austrian note curtly states that it has no official knowledge of our correspondence with other governments, rather a robust letter to Secretary Lansing for assuming that the stand taken by this government on the *Lusitania* case was well known to Austria and was nevertheless ignored in the sinking of the *Ancon* without giving the passengers an opportunity to escape.

The reply smacks of German shrewdness and may be the result of collaboration between German and Austrian diplomats. It will not be denied in favor of either candidate. Commissioner Carmichael laid mends. The sinking of the *Ancon* given the citizens such efficient, faithless, as heartless and cruel, fully fed and overfed service in the face of gross violation of international principles opposed to the law as was the sinking of the *Lusitania*. His interests that he probably supports, and Austria will be held to prove that the taxpayers would show their own better of his work to such an extent that he would not have to add vertices or to make street corners or file in libraries throughout the United States.

There has been some unkind criticism of President Wilson on account of making the first note to Austria; however, that addressed to the German diplomats. The *Ancon* case can hardly expect success. The added vigor of the note was not, as Commissioner Carmichael will go out of office with the good will of a large percentage of the people and with

a record for official probity and progressiveness of which any man may feel proud.

THE NEW HIGH SCHOOL

Whether the new high school be built under the direction of the municipal council or of a commission, care must be taken to provide all the safeguards possible against fire. It is to be regretted that the building will rise above the second story; but that is necessary in order to conform to the present building and to afford the required accommodation.

The sanitary arrangements of the old building are anticipated; and in such matters the new building should have the very best system to be found in any school building in the country. In regard to precautions against fire, the plan of partial fire-proofing laid down by Chief Neal of the district police and published in *The Sun* of Dec. 16 should be adopted. Chief Neal in that instance went far beyond what the law requires, but all his suggested improvements are essential to the proper safeguarding of school buildings against fire.

DRIVE OUT DYNAMITERS

In view of the numerous plots in which special German agents and consular officials are found to be involved for the purpose of destroying important factories in this country and for blowing up bridges to block important waterways in Canada, it would seem to be time for the United States government to call Germany to account for making this country a base of operations for war on the allies. Moreover, this secret system of warfare has already caused the death of a large number of American citizens employed in powder and other factories engaged in the manufacture of munitions. In addition to these outrages, a vast amount of property has been destroyed and many American citizens have been lost at sea as a result of fires and explosions on vessels loaded with munitions as a result of the placing of bombs on such earthenware through a well organized system conducted by German agencies.

If the United States government brought forward all the evidence obtained against German diplomatic officials involved in such conspiracies, its enormity would certainly justify radical action by our government. These conspiracies have already been carried to a most outrageous stage and it is time the authorities at Washington took action calculated to stop them effectively. It is of far more importance to protect the many thousands of American citizens engaged in the munition factories than to go to the verge of war to protect the few who venture to cross the ocean on the passenger vessels of belligerent powers.

If, as has been alleged, the federal law bearing on such offences is at present inadequate, congress should extend its scope without delay in order that the deadly conspiracies in which wholesale murder of American citizens is threatened shall be promptly discontinued and that the authors of the source from which they come

NEW FIRE HOUSE

The city government of 1916 will have some big propositions to deal with in the building line. Added to those already before the public for some time will be a new fire house in the outer Highlands, demanded by Chief Saunders and undoubtedly necessary for the proper protection of the district against fire hazards. The construction of a new fire station as far out as Stevens street would probably render the Westford house unnecessary. In that case the building could be disposed of to advantage.

CHRISTMAS BUSINESS

Judging from the dense throngs of shoppers that crowded the streets yesterday and last night, the stores must have done an immense Christmas business. The weather last week was rather unfavorable for shopping so that the present week will be one of rush and bustle in the stores. Hundreds of shoppers who came down town last night found it utterly impossible to get into the larger stores. Never perhaps in the history of the city have our people been more prosperous or more generally employed at fair wages than at the present time.

The United States Cartridge shop, of course, has been a great factor in bringing about this condition by affording employment to thousands who had been unable to find work in other industries. Its rapid growth came at a providential time for the city of Lowell and compensated in a great measure for the outgoing of the Bigelow-Hartford carpet industry which has been moved by the purchasers to other countries.

There is every reason to expect that the present Christmas will be more thoroughly enjoyed than any that Lowell has seen for many years. It is to be hoped that Christmas cheer will reach the homes and the hearts of even the poorest and most afflicted in our city and that old and young, rich and poor, will join in making it a merry, merry Christmas.

COL. CARMICHAEL'S RETIREMENT

Commissioner Carmichael has very sensible views in regard to the new high school and in fact municipal matters in general. It is quite generally agreed that the city has a very capable and conscientious servant in his retirement and yet it is also agreed that he himself is to blame for his defeat at the primaries. He did not care to make any proper appeal to the voters until the last hour, and when it was too late to change public opinion in his favor. Commissioner Carmichael laid mends. The sinking of the *Ancon* given the citizens such efficient, faithless, as heartless and cruel, fully fed and overfed service in the face of gross violation of international principles opposed to the law as was the sinking of the *Lusitania*. His interests that he probably supports, and Austria will be held to prove that the taxpayers would show their own better of his work to such an extent that he would not have to add vertices or to make street corners or file in libraries throughout the United States.

ARE YOU PROPERLY REGISTERED?

Howard to prevent certain transactions which he thought were irregular.

The Sun is represented in the press gallery in congress by an able correspondent so that readers of this paper can rely upon getting full and accurate news of all the important proceedings in congress and in the capital in general.

The price of coal has taken another jump. In this case it is alleged that the congestion of freight traffic is the cause but if that excuse were not available some other would be found.

SEEN AND HEARD

A good friend is one who likes us, understands us and never asks questions.

The old-fashioned man who used to say, "he's cracked," has a boy who says, "he's a nut."

All there

"Do you mean to appear in the street in that skimpy costume? You told me your suit had as much material in it as the one you wore last winter."

"It has," said his wife calmly. "The skirt may be somewhat shorter, but I'm wearing an extra high collar."

The Charm of Christmas

There is something in the very season of the year that gives a charm to the festivity of Christmas. In the depth of winter, when nature lies despoiled of her charms, wrapped in her shroud of sheeted snow, we turn for our gratifications to mortal sources. Heart calls to heart, and we draw our pleasures from the deep wells of living kindness which lie in the quiet recesses of our bosoms.—Washington Irving.

Jim's Friends Pleased

"Jim" Hearn of the Lowell Sun, I am told, will return to his old position as secretary to the mayor up in Lowell upon the inauguration of Mayor James E. O'Donnell. "Jim" is well known here in Lawrence and it is with pleasure that his local friends learn of his good fortune. He was Mayor O'Donnell's secretary in 1912 and 1913 and a more genial fellow one would not ask to meet.—Man About Town in the Lawrence Telegram.

No Spills to Share

An old negro was charged with chicken stealing, and the judge said: "Where's your lawyer, uncle?" "Ain't got none, judge."

"But you ought to have one," returned the court. "I'll assign one to defend you."

"No, sah, no sah, please don't do dat," begged the defendant.

"Why not?" persisted the judge.

"It won't cost you anything. Why don't you want a lawyer?"

"Well, Ah'll tell yo,' judge,'" said the old man confidentially. "Ah, wants ter enjoy dem chickens mazself."

Sentries' Christmas Day

Raymond P. Sanford, a robust and healthy undergraduate of Cornell, lived for scientific purposes on \$5 cents a week, his food including buttermilk, lentils, peanuts, raisins, cabbage, peppers, oatmeal and apples.

"I thrive on this fare," Mr. Sanford

Chanced corner to our festal eyes,

There, bright, too, the holly sprig!

Unbidden, whom our hearts invite,

And, perched among the crumpled leaves,

At friendly feud with winter's cold;

There's many a merry game to cold;

For mands and men, and young and old;

And winter sends for their delight

With glee with its crimson glow,

And, pale with the glistening snow,

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ROUND UP GANG OF YEGGS

Boston Police Capture Quartet Identified as Men Who Have Conducted Series of Holdups

BOSTON, Dec. 21.—Captured in different sections of the city last night, armed with loaded guns, four men were positively identified as the gunmen who were the perpetrators of the series of store and street robberies during the last two months.

The most important capture was made by Special Officers Lyons and Flaherty at the Back Bay station when they captured Thomas Cullen, 57, self-styled "one of the sleekest short-changers in the country," and George P. Fowler, 28, at 32 Hanover street, South End.

This pair were identified by Peter J. Adams, manager of the Boylston Sea Grill, 1092 Boylston street, as the men who entered his establishment late in the night of Oct. 22 and rifled the cash register after binding and gagging him at a revolver's point.

Charge West Newton Street Thiefs

The police also charge Cullen and Fowler with the robbery of the Tupper Creamery at 255 West Newton street, Dec. 18, and of a co-operative grocery store at 220 West Newton street, Dec. 2.

In a search of the Hanover street house after Cullen and Fowler were arrested, Flaherty discovered a torn shirt of the same striped material as the piece of cloth employed as a gag and left behind during the robbery of the Tupper Creamery Saturday night. Many bags, suit cases and bundles, and \$177 in money were recovered.

Flaherty and Lyons went to the Hanover street house shortly after 11 o'clock yesterday morning to arrest the men. The pair were out. After the officers had waited six hours Cullen appeared. He was pounced on as he stepped through the door and hustled to the East Dedham street station. He had a .34-caliber revolver and a package of cartridges in his possession.

Find Revolver in Pocket

Two hours later Fowler entered the house. He was also armed when grabbed by the officers. The revolver was in his inside jacket pocket.

Cullen is 57, but appears much younger. According to the story he told the police, he has been all over the country, following circuses and fairs principally, and he made the claim that he is one of the shiest "peppers" in the country. A "pepper" is an adept at receiving bills of large denomination and passing back change for a much smaller bill. The game, he said, as worked extensively at country circuses. The police believe he is wanted by the New York police.

Among the articles found in the Hanover street lodging house were several dildies. In these were listed a large number of stores and houses in prosperous residential districts. The police claim the men had the lists in preparation for further robberies.

Captured on Hanover street
Earlier in the evening Sergt. Thomas

O'Donnell of the Hanover street station and Patrolman William Barrett of the Norwood police department arrested Charles Zalesky, 19, of 4 Willow street, Norwood, and Edward Caulfield, 22, 1187 Washington street, Norwood, in a Hanover street saloon.

Both of the men were carrying loaded revolvers when taken into custody. They are charged with being the men who committed two street hold-ups in Norwood, this month, and one in Brookline on Saturday, when Edward Mawhiney was held up by armed robbers on the street and robbed of \$100 and some papers and keys. The police say that the papers and keys Mawhiney lost at that time were found on the men arrested last night.

Zalesky is known to the police and is on probation for another offense. Caulfield has been in the country only two weeks. He is an English army veteran and lost two fingers fighting in the trenches. He was discharged from service on account of his disability and came to the United States.

All four of the captured men will be photographed for the rogues' gallery before being arraigned in court to-day.

FEWER MEN OUT OF WORK

MARKED IMPROVEMENT IN LABOR MARKET THROUGHOUT STATE OF MASSACHUSETTS

BOSTON, Dec. 21.—Conditions were better in the labor market of this state during the three months ending Sept. 30 this year than has been the case for two years, according to the regular quarterly statement on unemployment issued by Director Charles E. Gettemy of the Bureau of Statistics.

The returns showed that but 7 per cent of the members of the labor organizations were out of employment for all causes, as compared with 10.6 per cent unemployed at the close of June, which was, in turn, a reduction of six points over the previous quarter.

Lack of work was assigned as the chief cause for unemployment. The percentage unemployed because of strikes and lockouts was but 1.2, as compared with 0.8 at the close of June, and 0.5 at the close of September, 1914. The percentage unemployed because of unfavorable weather at the close of the quarter was 0.6.

REBUILDING HAMPTON BEACH

Building operations along the recently burned area are going on with astonishing rapidity. Upon every side there is great activity despite the cold and inclement weather. The buildings commenced in the late fall are well along, and of these one of the most noticeable is the New Ashworth, the third structure of its kind to be erected upon the same site.

The structure is rapidly assuming its finished appearance; the roof is on and the building hoisted. It is practically a replica of the former hotel by the same name, only it is eight feet longer than its predecessor. Mr. Ashworth hopes to have the building in readiness for the opening of another season.

One of the latest building operations is on the new Janvier hotel, work upon which was commenced this past week. A large force of employees is engaged in the undertaking and the building will stand upon its original site, while practically the same architectural plan will be followed as distinguished the burned building. Mrs. D. A. Munsey, the proprietress, has arranged to have two stores upon the street floor of the hotel, with the large dining room on the same elevation.

DISCONTENT IN BULGARIAN ARMY

PARIS, Dec. 21.—A Rome despatch to the Havas agency, dated Dec. 20, says the newspaper *Secolo* has received from its Seres, (Macedonia) correspondent the following:

"Russophile Bulgarian deserters report that the discontent with the arrogance of German officers is increasing in the Bulgarian army. Near Strumitsa a Bulgarian soldier fired three revolver shots at Gen. Theodoroff (Bulgarian). He missed his aim but killed the general's aide de camp. The soldier was hanged."

Store Business

The stores of the city are enjoying an unprecedented Christmas business and the merchants are well satisfied. The amount of business transacted during the past few days is evidence of the prosperity of the people of the city. The remaining days are going to be hard on the clerks and those who have presents to buy should take this fact into consideration. Shop as early and as quickly as you can."

Cartridge Co. Wages

On Friday of this week as previously announced in this paper, the U. S. Cartridge Co. will pay its employees their back pay dating from Sept. 23 when they went back to work pending an investigation into wages and working conditions by the state board. This is good news to the employees of the company who will have plenty of money with which to enjoy a really happy Christmas. Officials of the company are to be complimented for making the disbursement at this time.

Moulders Elect Officers

Trades & Labor hall in Middle street never held a larger crowd than last night when the members of the Moulders' union assembled for a regular meeting. Matters of considerable importance were brought out at the session including the election of officers for the ensuing term and a lengthy discussion of the strike situation. The following officers were elected: John D. Willman, president; Frank Januszko, vice-president; Abram Pomerleau, recording secretary; William F. Mahoney, financial secretary; Burt Dupee, treasurer; Owen McArdele, doorkeeper; Patrick McCabe, inductor; Frank Januszko, assistant inductor; Stephen Tobin, trustee for 18 months.

The committee on the strike reported the situation as practically unchanged and favorable action was taken on the report. The meeting was addressed by Business Agent Eugene L. Murphy of Norwood and by James Doyle of the Pittsfield local, both of whom gave instructive talks on trade unionism. A crisis of routine business was transacted and several communications from the international organization were read and referred to the secretary for disposal.

Building Activity

The families of the carpenters of the city will be well taken care of on Christmas day as the boom among the building trades shows no sign of letting up and every union carpenter is steadily employed.

It is the opinion of officials at the union headquarters that there may be considerable work at the plant of the Bissell-Hartford Carpet Co., if the buildings are sold or leased, and new buildings are planned by the Trenton & Safford mills and the United States Cartridge Co. Business Agent Michael A. Lee does not remember a winter when his men were in such demand as at the present.

CREDIT

The keynote to a Happy Christmas to thousands. The common sense and easiest way to buy your useful gifts or to take care of your own wants.

ON CREDIT. AT LOWEST PRICES

The big organization of this store with its big variety of stocks and sound financial standing extends to you the advantage of purchases and weekly payments in small convenient amounts.

FROM THE MEN'S STORE

Overcoats	\$10 to \$25
Suits	\$12.50 to \$25
Neckwear	25c and 50c
Shoes	\$2.50 to \$3.50
Hosiery	25c
Overshoes	\$2.50
Sweaters	\$3.50 to \$7.50
Bath Robes	\$3.98 to \$6.98
Umbrellas	\$1.00 to \$3.50

FROM THE LADIES' STORE

Coats	\$7.50 to \$29.50
Furs	\$5.00 to \$22.50
Dresses	\$5.00 to \$25.00
Suits	\$15.00 to \$29.50
Waists	98c to \$5.98
Hats	\$1.98 to \$2.98
Bedroom Slippers	\$1.25
Shoes	\$2.50 to \$3.00
Caps and Scarfs	50c to \$1.00
Corduroy Robes	\$5.00

JEWELRY STORE

Waltham Watches	\$15 to \$25
7 size and 17 jewel movements, guaranteed cases.	
Bracelet Watches	\$15 to \$35
Diamond Rings	\$27.50 to \$75
Chains, Pendants, Signet Rings, from	\$4.50 to \$7.50

THE CÆSAR MISCH STORE

ALEXANDER STRAUSS, INC.

220 CENTRAL STREET

INDUSTRIAL AND STORE NEWS

Union Law Department

The San Francisco Labor council has established a legal department and is informing all unions affiliated that any union desiring information or advice on legal matters, including questions of trade union law and discipline may consult the department free of charge.

Barry's Christmas Tree

Employees of the W. J. Barry Shoe Co. will suspend work early Friday afternoon to be present at the Christmas tree celebration which is an annual feature at the plant. As in former years there will be presents for all the employees as well as foremen and overseers. Following the presentation of gifts a musical program will be carried out and dancing will be enjoyed.

Registration

Today registration closes for candidates who desire to run for office in Street Railway Men's union, local 280.

The election will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 28 and the Australian ballot system will be used. A large number of candidates have already registered.

Celebration Postponed

The date of the joint Franklin celebration and anniversary of the local was put off until the first Saturday in February, at the meeting held by Typographical union last Saturday night.

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The recent convention of the Massachusetts state branch, American Federation of Labor endorsed the work of the Massachusetts Homestead commission. This commission is endeavoring to solve the problem of providing healthful homes at a reasonable cost to the workers. The resolution passed endorsing this work points out that the cost of rent and food is constantly rising, and that there are thousands of acres of unused land in every city that is adaptable to building comfortable homes.

Boston & Maine Conference

The Boston & Maine road has decided to hold a conference this week with employees of the road holding membership in the federation which recently submitted a demand for a general eight-hour day on the system. The schedule asked for was submitted some time ago and the company was given until December 18 to recognize it. The company will meet its employees in Boston this week relative to the demands.

TONIGHT'S MEETINGS

Tonight's schedule of meetings follows: Local 42, Carpenters' union, Runnels building; Leather Workers' union, 343 Central street; Street Railway Men's union, local 551, Runnels building; Building Laborers' union, Trades & Labor hall, Middle street.

HELD UP BY FRENCH

GERMAN PURSER WAS TAKEN OFF THE AMERICAN STEAMER BORINQUEN, SAYS SKIPPER

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—Wilhelm Garbe of Brooklyn, purser of the American steamer Borinquen was removed from the vessel of the harbor of San Juan, Porto Rico, by officers of the French cruiser Desarnauts, according to the Borinquen skipper. The ship arrived here yesterday.

According to Captain Dow of the Borinquen, the incident occurred about 1 a. m. on Dec. 15, while his ship was five miles outside San Juan harbor. After officers from the Desarnauts came aboard they sent a boat alongside and directed Garbe to get in.

To stop the Borinquen the Desarnauts threw her searchlight on her, even fired a blank shot across her bows. The cruiser, according to the Borinquen's officers, had apparently been waiting for the steamer to leave San Juan.

Garbe, it was said, was a German, but had taken out his first citizenship papers sometime ago. He had been employed by the line about three years.

REV. W. S. SINGLETON DEAD

JESUIT TEACHER, FORMERLY OF BOSTON COLLEGE, DIED AT PHILADELPHIA

BOSTON, Dec. 21.—The Rev. William S. Singleton, S. J., vice-president and prefect of studies at St. Joseph's college in Philadelphia for several years, died early yesterday morning at that college from a prolonged illness.

Fr. Singleton was born in New York city Nov. 25, 1855, and was educated at the Christian Brothers' school attached to St. Francis Xavier college in New York, and Woodstock college, Maryland.

He was a teacher in the high school and college departments of the Jesuits and after his ordination he came to Boston in 1882, and taught at Boston college for four years. While in Boston he suffered a severe illness and was confined to his bed for many months. When he recovered he was transferred to St. Francis Xavier's col-

NEW STAMPED ENVELOPES

Postmasters Informed of the Change—Will Bear Embossed Stamp of New Design

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—The post office department today notified postmasters that it is about to issue stamped envelopes bearing an embossed two-cent postage stamp of new design. The new stamp is printed in red ink and is in the form of a circle. In the center is embossed the head of Washington in profile.

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TWO BOSTON FIREMEN KILLED WHEN FLOOR FELL

Floor of Burning Building Gave Way and Buried Fire Fighters—Jail Inmates Ready to Flee

BOSTON, Dec. 21.—Two firemen were killed and a third was seriously injured when a floor collapsed in a burning factory building on Cambridge st. early today. The victims were Dennis A. Walsh and Charles C. Willett. William McCarthy, the injured man, was taken to a hospital.

The three men were fighting the flames on the third floor of the six-story brick building. The floor above gave way and buried them. It was more than an hour before their comrades could reach them, and Walsh and Willett were found dead.

Another fireman, William J. Connell, was badly hurt by falling from a ladder.

Caused Loss of \$50,000. The fire caused damage estimated at \$50,000 to the building which was occupied by the Glenbrook Wire Co., the National Lubricator Co. and the Massachusetts Thread works. It started on the second floor and worked upward through the roof.

Jail Inmates Ready to Leave. The inmates of the Charles street jail, just behind the burning structure, were aroused and made ready for removal if necessary and persons living in an adjoining boarding house and tenement houses prepared to leave.

MRS. ASQUITH'S SUIT PORTLAND MURDERER

CASE AGAINST LONDON PAPER
RESUMED IN CHANCERY COURT
TODAY

LONDON, Dec. 21.—The case of Mrs. Herbert H. Asquith, wife of the premier, against the Globe, was resumed in chancery court today, having been continued from last Friday. The court granted Mrs. Asquith the injunction for which she asked, to restrain the Globe from the publication of articles which she alleged are libelous. At the hearing last week counsel for Mrs. Asquith said she had been accused by the Globe of disloyalty and of association with German prisoners and had been described as a traitor and disgrace to her sex.

The only answer made by the Globe since the hearing last week, was an affidavit filed by the manager, to the effect that he knew nothing about the matter.

"There is not a shadow of truth in this libel," said Mrs. Asquith's counsel, "Mrs. Asquith has never been in Donington hall (in which German prisoners are confined) or had any communication whatever with any of its inmates."

INDICTED FOR MURDER. PROVIDENCE, Dec. 21.—The grand jury yesterday reported two indictments for murder, one against Peleg E. Champin, general inspector of the Rhode Island Trolley company, on charge of killing Frederick H. Bishop, and the other against Michael O'Brien, accused of slaying his sister, Bridget, at Slater'sville, Nov. 29.

KILLED STEPFATHER. DANBURY, Conn., Dec. 21.—John Bochma, aged 45, was shot and killed last night by his stepson, Alexander Bochma, aged 17, after a quarrel, in which the younger man had found fault with the foot served at the supper table. After the tragedy, the youth walked to the police station, bareheaded and coatless, and gave himself up, claiming that the shooting was in self-defense.

Young Bochma told the police that his stepfather had flourished a revolver and that in the struggle he wrenched the weapon away and fired twice, one bullet going through the heart.

DEATHS

HARRINGTON—Francis Harrington, aged 36 years, died this forenoon at St. John's hospital, the body having been removed to his home, 106 Chapel street. He is survived by a wife, Susie, five daughters, Margaret, Mary, Ellen, Catherine and Lillian; two sons, John and Francis.

IS THIS YOUR TROUBLE? Some cases of "stomach trouble" are nothing but constipation.

All the symptoms of stomach and intestinal indigestion may be caused by constipation. The sufferer is distressed after eating, gas forms in the stomach and bowels, the abdomen has a feeling of pressure and weight and is hard and distended.

To correct constipation the first thing is to stop the use of strong purgatives and use instead the mild laxative pills, Pinklets. These tiny pills may be used as long as required without the danger of reacting constipation.

If your own druggist does not sell Pinklets they will be sent by mail, postpaid, on receipt of 25 cents by the Dr. Williams Medicine Co., Schenectady, N. Y. Write for booklet *anyday*.

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SUN LATEST

PLANT BLOWN UP NEW HAVEN TRIAL ROOF BLOWN OFF

3000 Pounds of Nitro-Glycerine Exploded at Cairo, Illinois

CAIRO, Ill., Dec. 21.—The nitro-glycerine plant of the Acton Powder Co. at Fayville, Ill., 26 miles from here, was blown up today. Three thousand pounds of nitro-glycerine exploded, due to chemical reactions. These reactions gave off fumes, thereby warning the workmen, all of whom escaped.

PROTEST TO ENGLAND

U. S. AGAIN OBJECTS TO PRESENCE OF WARSHIPS CLOSE OFF NEW YORK

BROCKTON, Dec. 21.—Mrs. M. Carlton Austin was taken down a ladder three stories to the ground by Captain W. M. Sturtevant of the local fire department; her husband followed on a ladder and ten others rushed into the street in their night clothes when fire gutted a three apartment house at 103 Howard street early this morning.

Those driven out included Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hoffman and son Roy, the latter falling down stairs and spraining his ankle; Mr. and Mrs. Edwin P. Rydler and four small children and Charles Nicholson. Flames shut out the escape of the Austin's, the fire starting in the kitchen adjoining their bedroom and the others on the two lower floors were obliged to rush through dense smoke. Loss to the building and contents will reach \$8000.

MANY WOMEN APPEAR AGAINST L. J. MARSHALL OF LISBON FALLS

PORLTAND, Me., Dec. 21.—Forty-one women, alleged victims from all the New England states of Lewis J. Marshall of Lisbon Falls, who conducts a mail order business in silk house ties to be made by women at home, stood three rows deep in the United States district court today, when they were sworn as witnesses at the opening of Marshall's trial on a charge of using the mails in a scheme to defraud. The trial is expected to last three days.

TO DISTRIBUTE GIFTS

C.Y.M.L. WILL HAVE A CHRISTMAS TREE ON SATURDAY AT THEIR ROOMS

Saturday will be the big day of the year at the rooms of the C.Y.M.L. in Suffolk street when the members will get together for the annual distribution of Christmas presents. There will be a Christmas tree and presents for everyone, and Henry F. Sullivan, the well known notarial performer, will act as Santa Claus. After the tree has been "cleaned," a musical program will be enjoyed with the following prominent members as contributors: John Quinn, Joseph Tobin, Patrick McLaughlin, Timothy O'Neill, Paul McLaughlin and Charles Miller. The committee in charge of the arrangements for the affair includes the following: John McDermott, Joseph Foley, Stephen Heslin, John O'Connor and Henry F. Sullivan.

TRAFFIC IN BABIES

Maryland Vice Commission Ascertains 5000 Babies in One Small Plot in Baltimore Since 1886.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 21.—In an exhaustive report the state-wide vice commission named by Gov. Goldsborough in January, 1912, yesterday made public the results of its inquiry.

Probably the most sensational feature dealt with is the alleged traffic in babies. It is asserted investigators found institutions in Baltimore to which an unmarried mother may consign her child upon the payment of a sum previously agreed on and forever rid herself of legal responsibility for it.

Of the hundreds of children so taken in charge by the institutions the commission avers 80 to 90 per cent die and are buried in small plots, one such plot approximately 55 feet square having been the tomb of 5000 babies since 1886.

The high death rate is attributed to separation of the infant from the mother at birth. No evidence was found to show that the babies were neglected at the institutions.

The board believes that a continuation of the inquiry is desirable and recommends the creation of a permanent morals board.

PROBATE COURT CASES

Justice Lawton presided over the contested session of the probate court in the local court house this forenoon. There were several cases on the list, but with the exception of one, all were put over to a later date. The case tried was a petition in equity over the settlement of the will of the late Channing Whittaker. Two witnesses were heard and the court reserved his decision.

MOULDERS STRIKE

The committee in charge of the strike of moulders and coenmakers at the Saco-Lowell shops reported no change in the situation after the adjournment of the meeting held in Trade & Labor hall this morning. Business Agent Eugene L. Murphy of Norwood and James Doyle of Fitchburg addressed the gathering. Routine business was transacted and the reading of the roll-call found every member present. Tickets were on duty at the plant all day.

RECOVERS CONSCIOUSNESS

Sick Men at Chelmsford Street Hospital Now Says His Name is McConran Condition Much Better

The man removed from the police station to the Chelmsford street hospital yesterday morning after giving his name as James Kerwin, recovered consciousness today and said that his correct name is James McConran. He told the hospital attendants that he has lived in Lowell for about three years coming here from New York and Boston. His condition is much better today.

NEW PLOT UNEARTHED

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—What is believed to be an entirely new plot against American neutrality has been unearthed by agents of the Department of Justice investigating the alleged conspiracy to blow up the Wabash canal. Chief Bielski, of the bureau of investigation, said today that evidence had been secured from Paul Koenig and others said to be concerned with him in the alleged canal plot, which opened up another lead. Mr. Bielski declined to indicate the nature of the alleged new conspiracy but said arrests might be expected soon.

EXCHANGES

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—Exchanges, \$623,555,051; balances, \$35,426,054.

JUDGE HUNT GIVES OPINION ON MONOPOLIZATION OF NEW ENGLAND TRAFFIC

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—Merely because New England is a great terminal yard for the trunk line railroads and enjoys the benefit of their competition for its business, it does not follow, said Judge Hunt at the New Haven trial today, that there could be no monopolization of its traffic. This was one of the comments of the court on the argument of the New Haven road, when he resumed his effort to prove that the defendants were entitled to a verdict for acquittal.

Mr. Dorr contended that the New Haven's control of New England transportation opened that territory to the western trunk lines on a competitive basis and thus fostered competition instead of suppressing it. "I do not see," said the court, "that it is indisputable that there can be no monopolization in New England. If that were the case, then it would follow that there could be no monopolization in any center of the country."

The court cited copper shipments from Butte, Mont., and fruit shipments from California as examples of similar situations, which it might, on the same principle be held that the traffic could not be monopolized.

"Undoubtedly," Judge Hunt continued, "there is great force in the argument of Mr. Neill that in order for New England to continue to enjoy its industrial supremacy, it is necessary for her to have the advantage of rates and service that would save her from the competition of other centers of the country. But conceding that argument is great force we revert to the question as to whether or not the fact should not be addressed to the jury—to those persons who are to determine whether a purpose existed to create a combination in order to accomplish an unlawful end."

Thomas Thacher followed with an elaboration of his argument made yesterday that under the latest supreme court decisions on the Sherman law it was necessary for the government to prove that the New Haven had been prejudicial to the public interest. This he contended, the government had failed to do.

"Suppose," asked Judge Hunt, "we have a combination formed with the power to affect the public interests prejudicially, although it should not choose to exercise it? Suppose that the public and the shipper have no reason for complaint against the combination, but live nevertheless under the dread of that power?"

"Because you own a powder factory it does not mean you intend to blow up the whole town," replied Mr. Thacher. He added that the question resolved into that of intent of those who formed the combination.

FIGHT OVER BOUNDARY

VERMONT AND NEW HAMPSHIRE IN COURT TO DETERMINE THE BOUNDARY LINE

CONCORD, N. H., Dec. 21.—Copies of the bill in equity brought by the state of Vermont against the state of New Hampshire in the United States supreme court to determine the boundary line between the two states have been filed with the attorney general here. This state is required to make answer before March 13, 1916. The controversy

DRAPER LEFT \$6,928,750

WORCESTER, Dec. 21.—An inventory of the estate left by the late ex-Governor Elwin E. Draper was filed in probate court here today, showing he left property valued at \$6,928,750.08.

If you want help at home or in your business, try The Sun "Want" column.

TWO MEN MISSING AND TWENTY-FIVE INJURED BY EXPLOSION

EDGEWATER, N. J., Dec. 21.—Two men are missing and 25 others were injured by an explosion today in the despatch plant of the Corn Products Refining Co., at Shadyside, two miles from here. The roof of the building was blown off, the walls collapsed and fire, starting from the explosion, swept through the wreckage.

FORD'S PEACE PARTY

WOMEN MEMBERS ENTERTAINED AT LUNCHEON BY MISS KROG OF CHRISTIANIA

CHRISTIANIA, Norway, Dec. 21.—The women of the Ford peace party were entertained at luncheon today by Miss Gina Krog, president of the National Council of the Women of Norway. Several women from Sweden, Holland and Denmark, some of them from distant parts of the Scandinavian peninsula, were present. The mission of the peace expedition was discussed from the Dutch, Swedish and Danish points of view.

POTATO SHIPPERS HELD

NEW INDICTMENTS CHARGE VIOLATION OF SHERMAN ANTI-TRUST ACT

BOSTON, Dec. 21.—Carl C. King, of Carlton, Me.; John M. Hovey of Marsh Hill, Me.; Clarence A. Powers of Maple Grove, Me.; Edward H. Doyle of New York and H. W. Sylvester of Boston, members of the Arroostook Potato Shippers' association, pleaded not guilty in the United States district court to day to new indictments charging violation of the Sherman anti-trust act. The indictments superseded those returned last spring and which, although subsequently sustained by the court, were not considered by the federal authorities as sufficiently broad.

The new indictments alleged that the three Maine members of the association, King, Hovey and Powers, were given the power to discriminate against business concerns which did not conform to the rules of the association and that Doyle and Sylvester furnished the committee with a so-called "black-list."

Each of the defendants furnished \$1000 security for his appearance at trial, probably in March.

ANOTHER MILLION MEN CLEANING CATCH BASINS

Premier Asquith Says Country Needs Them—4,250,000 Now at Front

LONDON, Dec. 21.—Moving in the house of commons this afternoon a new vote for an additional million men, Premier Asquith made a general survey of the ever widening theatre of war and the increasing responsibility placed on this country for providing arms and men.

Great Britain, he said, already has a fighting force in the various theatres of \$2,500,000 men, and as the wastage is enormous, the country must aim at getting every man of military age who is physically qualified.

The premier pointed out that whatever system was adopted to obtain the services of these men deductions must be made before it would be possible to arrive at the recruitable maximum which the country must attain. He regretted that he could not give the results of the Earl of Derby's recruiting system. The figures had not reached him until last night and the references to be drawn required careful attention. Applications to enlist under the Derby plan had been made from distant Hong Kong and Rhodesia.

"This is a commentary on the lethargy of those at home who have not responded to the call," he said. "Let those who have hung back for good or bad reasons seize the opportunity even now of following the example patriotic of Doyle and Sylvester."

The premier said the men were able to return to duty, but in addition to keeping up the present armament to their nominal strength, men were wanted for new formations and to increase the aggregate of Great Britain's fighting forces.

Every available man should be put in the field, so far as was consistent with provision for national necessities, including munitions and the vast field of employment upon the continued working of which the national life depended.

"Turning to the Dardanelles campaign, Mr. Asquith said: "It was with deep reluctance that we sanctioned the withdrawal especially from Anzac where our Australian and New Zealand lancers won undying fame. This withdrawal did not involve withdrawal from Helles (at the tip of Gallipoli peninsula), where our combined naval and military forces commanded the entrance to the straits."

"Everything was brought off except some stores and six guns, which were destroyed."

The premier said the men withdrawn after a short and much needed rest would proceed to a new theatre of operation. He paid a warm tribute to Generals Monro and Birdwood.

Referring to operations on the Franco-Belgian front, the premier complimented Field Marshal French and his successor in command, Sir Douglas Haig. He continued:

"A fortnight ago, a most important military conference was held in Paris, attended by representatives of the states of France, Russia, Italy and the United Kingdom. The leading strategical problems were fully discussed and certain most important conclusions reached with absolute unanimity."

So far as the war as a whole went, Mr. Asquith said it might be that at this or that moment what could be called the superficial facts of the campaign seemed to be against the allies.

"But the fundamental facts, the facts that in the long run matter, are steadily growing on our side."

"There has been in this war an abundance of errors in calculation, but they have not been confined to our side."

"So far as we, in this country, are concerned, and I know all our allies are the same—our will has never wavered for a moment, while our fighting resources, both in men and material, become every month more ample in quantity and better mobilized and organized for the purposes of the campaign."

Referring to the measures recently taken to bring about closer co-operation among the allies, Mr. Asquith said it was hoped by all the nations concerned that this procedure would lead to greater concentration of purpose, co-ordination of plans, common energy and effectiveness of action. He added that it was satisfactory

THE INDIANS "SCALPED"

BASKETBALL COMMENT

Northboro here tonight! Northboro tops Lowell in the league standing but stranger few favors than a change will result after tonight's game.

Tim Shugrue of Nashua will make his first appearance with the Lowell team tonight. Lowell will probably present the following lineup: Cassace, rt; Paul Clark, lf; Multivany, c; McPherson and Folsom, guards. Shugrue will play some part of the game at forward position.

Paddy McDevon, the clever little YMCA forward, may be out of the game for several weeks. He injured his side in a recent practice game.

Larry Rourke, the former CYM, star has signed to play with the Belknap quintet. When Rourke was going right he was one of the best bowlers in the city.

Jimmy Grant continues to play a whirling game for the Franklin team. In last week's encounter Grant threw a perfect game and was the best bowler on the field. When the New Hampshire quintet, Hell's Bell, playing in the Central Massachusetts league again, or we miss our guess?

Manager Lew is without a game for Franklin and in he can't get a ball for a game in this city he may take his team out of town. We'll be so glad to see another game against Franklin.

White Brown, the National bantam, who formerly played with the CYM, State and CYM, teams, has been in attendance at all the games thus far. We may see the Colbyville boy in harness again before the season is over.

Several basketball followers have been up against Manager Lew to give him the crack CYM, forward, Martin, to the Lowell team. Martin is a warm favorite with all followers of the sport.

an aggregation composed of benefactors at the Crescent alleys on Christmas morning. This will make the fifth annual meeting of the teams.

Chet Martel is rolling in old-time form and thus far none of his competitors has been able to oust him from first position in the City league standing. Martel's average at present is 109.24.

Cincinnati, Oh., Dec. 21.—There was no dissent from the optimism regarding peace in baseball when representatives of organized baseball and the Federal League met here today to take up the negotiations, looking toward the ending of the two years of war which they left off when they adjourned at New York Saturday.

If the opinion of the majority of the men who will compose the conference is not greatly wrong, the treaty of peace will be signed and sealed before the conference adjourns sine die which may be tonight or as late as Friday, according to Chairman Herrmann of the national commission.

While rumors of various conditions that would be imposed upon one or the other of the two parties organized baseball and the Federal League were current previous to the meeting, no one in a position to know would lend his name to substantiate any of them.

The only deal in connection with the peace agreement which appears to be certain is that Weeghman and his associates will purchase the Chicago National League team from Charles T. Taft, present holder of the majority of the stock.

Another rumor which bears the stamp of semi-official confirmation is that the St. Louis American league team would be sold, or in fact, had already been sold, providing that peace was declared. As to who the purchaser was the rumor sold hot.

The majority of the conferees arrived early today, but several of them will not reach town until 11 o'clock, and for that reason the meeting was put off until noon.

While numerous baseball men will be in town, owing to the large number of reported deals, the conference will be attended by only nine men. They are: the national baseball commission, representing the National and American leagues; composed of August Herrmann, chairman, B. B. Johnson, president of the American league, and John Tener, president of the National league; representatives of the Federal League, consisting of President James A. Gilmore, Charles Weeghman of Chicago, and Harry Sinclair, President Chivington of the American association; President Barrow of the International League, and Secretary John H. Farrell of the National association.

Soldier Bartfield who lost the verdict to Mike Glover at Boston last week is around to the newspaper offices in Brooklyn with an alibi for showing he made. Here is the statement:

"I was snowbound for twenty-one hours with nothing to eat and arrived in Boston only thirty minutes before I entered the ring with Glover. Now Napoleon told us that a soldier must have something to eat in order to be able to fight, and I find this to be true, as I was weak as a kitten without having any sleep or anything to eat for twenty-one hours. But let Glover come over here and I will agree to stop him in six rounds."

Leach Cross and Johnny Harvey will play a return engagement in New York on Jan. 13. These two put up a slashing ten round battle over in Gotham the last time they fought, with honors in favor of Cross. As Harvey has been shouting for another match, a promoter thought so well of the idea that he rematched them for the above date.

An exchange has it that Larry Hansen of Sweden is putting a big notch in the welterweight division and that he has appeared in this country five times and secured a knockout in each one. Let it be known that Hansen is not a welter but an overgrown featherweight, weighing 130 pounds at the most and he did not secure any win over our local favorite, Patney Boyle, when they met last alone in a Mayo.

Boyle won the verdict in a hand fashion and would like to meet Hansen again to prove his other victory was not of the fake variety.

Patney Boyle is scheduled to fight at Lawrence Christmas afternoon in the feature bout of twelve rounds. Boyle's opponent has not yet been selected. Manager Grilly is finding it difficult to secure an able opponent for the fast traveling local boy, Frank Boyle (Young) Walsh in the semi-final of eight rounds and the winner will in all probability be matched up to exchange walls with Gardner Brooks. Brooks states that he will be on hand to challenge the winner.

Carley White's manager, Nate Lewis, is disgusted at the way Freddie Walsh is ducking his left hook wonder and stated recently that he will not notice Welsh and more in regard to a tit for tat, but will go right ahead and book up other fights for his charge.

Welsh and White were supposed to fight for the lightweight halo at the club offering the best terms. Five bids were received, but Harry Pollak, Welsh's manager stalled about accepting one out of the five and went ahead and took Welsh on a barnstorming expedition. Leating Lewis cool his heels in New York at which Lewis got peaced and went back to Chicago.

TO BUY WORCESTER TEAM

The report comes from Worcester to the effect that John P. Irvin and Frank Bigelow are ready to buy the heart of the Commonwealth baseball team. Mr. Irvin is quoted as having said that his relations with the present owners are friendly and that he would not want to buy unless they desired to sell.

John O'Donnell says the affairs of the club are being straightened out and that the club will be sold.

Frank L. Brugge, the former Lawrence backstop, received a double disappointment this week. He read first where he had been sold to the Binghamton team of the New York State League by the Boston Braves. He expected to be taken south in the spring, and he had hopes of making a regular berth with the team. The other disappointment was when he received his release as a member of the Elizabeth basketball team of which he was captain since the first of the season.

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Barney Powers has arranged a long schedule of games with some very fast teams. Following is the schedule:

Jan. 6—Malden High at Malden.

Jan. 12—Andover Academy at Andover.

Jan. 17—Winchester High at Winchester.

Jan. 19—Open.

Jan. 22—St. John's at Danvers.

Jan. 26—Stoneham at Lowell.

Feb. 2—Wakefield at Wakefield.

Feb. 16—Tunis 1913 at Lowell.

Feb. 19—Huntington school at Boston.

The following have averages of 99 or better: Chapman 98, Thurber 97.

Killigrew 96, Turner 96, J. Harrison 95, Kurt 95, Holden 95, Bennett 95.

Matthews 94, Richardson 94, Potter 94.

93, S. Marshall 93, Davis 93, Joyce 93.

Brown 92, Hibbs 92, King 92, Griffith 92.

92, Mulvaney 92, Hall 91, Abbott 90.

Mix 90, McGuire 90, Leach 90, L. Fahey 90.

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CONCERNAN IS ROLLING VERY CONSISTENTLY THIS SEASON AND HIS WORK HAS BEEN INSTRUMENTAL IN A GOOD MANY OF THE CRESCEANT QUINTET'S VICTORIES. A LARGE NUMBER OF DEVOTEE'S OF THE SPORT WOULD LIKE TO SEE ANOTHER MATCH GAME BETWEEN CONCERNAN AND KEMPTON.

Steve Shervell, who has been a popular employee at the Crescent alleys for the past few seasons, will manage Billy Cawley's new allies in Middletown st. after the first of the new year. His many friends wish him success in his new position.

Eddie McCormack has been making them all sit up and take notice this season and he has put up a large number of good scores. McCormack is one of the best men in the city at all kinds of sport.

Gordon is leading the Crescent league with a mark of 105.

The Crescents and Kimball System teams are having a grand old time trying to negotiate first place in the City league. Both teams are deadlocked at the present time.

Tom Kelly, the Crescent bowler, will lead his team of single men against

TO SIGN PEACE TREATY

FINAL CONFERENCE OF BASEBALL LEAGUE OFFICIALS IN CINCINNATI

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EXPOSITION STATEMENT

Board of Trade Report Shows a Balance of \$2.95—Receipts and Expenditures

The board of trade is mailing today to the exhibitors at the big industrial exposition at the Casino in November, a statement of the receipts and expenditures of the show.

The statement indicates that the board of trade committee conducted its portion of the exposition within the receipts. In fact a balance of \$2.95 was shown and this was credited to the board of trade treasury for postage stamps used. As a matter of record this probably covered the actual expense of the board of trade organization in the show.

To give the public an exactly accurate report it should be stated that after making up the accounts it was found that an expense of \$8 had been overlooked. When this was charged in the accounts it was found that the exposition had been conducted at a loss of just five cents and this was joyously contributed at once by one of the largest exhibitors so that the accounts may remain exactly balanced.

The committee of the board of trade emphasizes, however, that the exhibitors not only expended the money represented in the accompanying statement but also spent hundreds of dollars on their own account in decorating their booths, placing their exhibits and giving away samples. It is gratifying to be able to report from the committee that not a few of the exhibitors found the exposition to be financially profitable to themselves and their companies. For instance it is understood that one place of business came directly from the show and its value runs well into five figures. The committee feels that the exposition attained the results aimed at and that it was well worth carrying through on the scale attempted. The following is the report mailed to the exhibitors:

RECEIPTS

Rent of spaces \$1730.00

Paid admissions 97.25

EXPENDITURES

Cleaning 6.70

Decorations 600.00

Entertainment 56.85

Hall 148.00

Insurance 14.00

Labor 123.35

Light and Wiring 67.32

Music 425.00

Office supplies 12.50

Printing and postage 105.35

Signs 76.55

Telephone 15.00

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Robert F. Marden, Chairman.

John F. Sawyer, Treasurer.

John H. Murphy, Secretary.

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RECEIPTS

John Schools \$ 50.00

Bigelow-Hartford Carpet Co. 50.00

Lowell's Electric Light Corp. 50.00

The Lanson Co. 50.00

U. S. Cartridge Co. 50.00

Saco-Lowell Shops 50.00

Sitwyls Carriage Co. 50.00

Lowell Gas Light Co. 50.00

Stover & Bean Co. 50.00

Boott Mills 35.00

Hamilton Mfg. Co. 35.00

Lawrence Mfg. Co. 35.00

Massachusetts Cotton Mills 250.00

Merrimack Mfg. Co. 35.00

Trumbull Silk Mills 35.00

John Pilliar Shoe Co. 35.00

Fr. John's Madeline Co. 35.00

Heinze Electric Co. 35.00

American Woolen Co. 35.00

Fr. W. Hoy Co. 35.00

C. I. Hood & Co. 35.00

J. C. Ayer Co. 35.00

American Hide & Leather Co. 35.00

Lowell Paper Take Corp. 35.00

Stover & Bean Co. 35.00

J. C. Mayer Co. 35.00

Shaw Stocking Co. 35.00

Knowles Scale Works 35.00

A. G. Pollard Co. 35.00

U. S. Persian Carpet Co. 35.00

Stithing Mills 35.00

American Mason Safety Thread Co. 35.00

Friend Brothers 25.00

Mass. Mohair Plus Co. 25.00

The Lowell Sun 25.00

Whitall Manufacturing Co. 25.00

Courier-Citizen Co. 25.00

Lynn Co. Co. 25.00

Chelmsford Spring Co. 25.00

D. L. Page Co. 25.00

Lowell Bleachery 25.00

Thissell Loom Co. 25.00

Nemec Specialty Co. 25.00

Buttlerd Printing Co. and J. E. Conant & Co. 25.00

P. P. Barber Mfg. Co. and George W. Harris Co. 25.00

Andrews & McGrory 25.00

No Shake Crate Co. 25.00

J. E. Carroll & Co. 25.00

Lowell Insulated Wire Co. 25.00

New England Bunting Co. 25.00

John Marks & Co. 25.00

Mr. & Mrs. A. G. Jolley 25.00

Lowell Polish Co. 25.00

Mrs. Caroline W. Crawford 25.00

Brad's Bakery 25.00

Lowell Shuttle Co. 25.00

Stanhope Mfg. Co. 25.00

Hibbard & George 25.00

Boott Milling Co. 25.00

Booms' Rugs Co. 25.00

Wm. A. Andrews 25.00

Ideal Comb Co. 25.00

M. M. Laline Co. 25.00

Linden Hill Appliance 25.00

Lowell Crayon Co. 25.00

West End Spring Bed Co. 25.00

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Morrison Ladder Co.

Received from admissions Sat-

urday, Nov. 20.

97.25

EXPENDITURES

Cleaning 5.00

American Window Cleaning Co. 3

Decorating 6.70

C. F. Young & Co., decorat-

ing and building booths....

Entertainment 800.00

Richardson Hotel—

N. E. Assn. Commer-

cial Executives \$ 10.35

N. E. Park Institute 25.99

Hall 66.65

Cushing & Bunker, rent of

Rasino 145.00

Insurance 100.00

Labor 123.35

John A. Simpson, shor-

ing under Casino \$ 69.85

James Whittier, carpen-

ter work 3.50

Miss Ruth Parsons,

stenographer 11.00

Allen Leline, official

counter 10.00

Joseph Whitaker, help-

er 14.00

T. P. Daly, labor and

cleaning Casino yard 15.00

Light and Wiring

Lowell Electric Light Corp. 45.00

Lowell Electric Light Corp. 2.00

Conan & May, electric-

al work 13.23

W. F. Hockley, electric-

al work 2.00

Music

6th Regiment Band 52.50

Lowell Cadet Band 52.50

Lowell Military Band 52.50

American Band 52.50

Spirale City Band 52.50

Board of Trade Orch. 162.50

OFFICE SUPPLIES

G. C. Prince & Son, confetti, etc. 5.58

Dodge & Dent Co., copy-

ing roll 4.00

Balance credited to

Lowell Board of

Trade 2.95

PRINTING AND POSTAGE

Courier-Citizen Co. 66.70

Butterfield Printing Co. 24.00

Shaw Stocking Co. 4.50

Union Printing Co. 29.23

Lawler Printing Co. 70.50

Davis Printing Co. 2.00

SIGNS

Martin Service 78.56

TELEPHONE

N. E. Telephone & Tele-

graph Co. 18.00

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